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Shamir will seek to dissuade U.S. on peace conference

By
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JERUSALEM (JTA) — Premier Yitzhak Shamir said last week that when he is in Washington this week he will do everything he can to dissuade the American administration and Congress from supporting an international conference for Middle East peace.

Shamir's remarks, at a briefing for diplomatic reporters, was seen by observers as his second direct rebuke to Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in less than 24 hours on this issue.

Shamir told the Knesset earlier that Peres' advocacy of an international peace conference "does not represent the government" and that the foreign minister should have made that clear when he addressed foreign countries on the subject. The Labor Party's Knesset faction promptly blasted Shamir.

He was apparently referring to remarks by Peres in London and Paris last month that Israel would accept an international conference under certain conditions. Peres insisted on his return to Israel that everything he said represented government policy and had the support of the Knesset.

Political analysts said that if Shamir publicly disagrees with Peres during his American trip, the Labor Party leader would be hard put to maintain even the facade of unity that holds the coalition government together.

Shamir said at his briefing that the idea of the international conference was "stupid" from the standpoint of Israel's interests. He called it an "Arab-Soviet idea" which, if implemented, would result in Israel's total isolation.

The participants in an international conference would be the parties directly concerned and the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, which include the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China, neither of which has diplomatic relations with Israel.

Peres made clear that Israel would agree to Soviet participation only if Moscow moved to restore diplomatic relations with Israel and allowed Soviet Jews freedom to emigrate. He also said Israel would agree to Palestinian representatives as part of a Jordanian delegation only if they had no ties to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Another condition set by Peres was that the international conference could serve only as a framework for direct negotiations between Israel and its Arab adversaries and could not impose a solution to the Middle East conflict.

Shamir, for his part, is convinced that the Soviet Union, China, France or another permanent member of the Security Council would demand Israel's return to its 1967 borders. He has said even the U.S. might go along with such a demand, supporting only minor border changes. In that case, he warned, Israel would be totally isolated.

But the Labor Party's view is that an international conference is the only means to bring Jordan to the negotiating table. King Hussein has made clear on many occasions that he could not safely negotiate with Israel outside such a framework.

In Conservative synagogues

Women can be chazzans

By
MARGIE OLSTER

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Jewish Theological Seminary of America will begin granting the diploma of chazzan (cantor) to women in its 1987 commencement, a certificate JTS reserved only for men until now. JTS represents the Conservative movement.

The announcement by JTS Chancelor Ismar Schorsch at a recent press conference is viewed as a historical break with the tradition but one which Schorsch contended followed suit with JTS' 1983 controversial decision to ordain women as rabbis.

Critics of the new decision said it is even a more serious breach of halacha than the earlier one because they will be obligated to serve a function halacha forbids women from doing.

Schorsch called the decision a logical extension of the ordination of women.

"Implicit within the decision (to ordain women) was obviously a step towards awarding women the diploma of chazzan," Schorsch said. The current decision is only implementing one aspect of the rabbinical ordination decision, he said.

Two women now studying in the Cantorial Institute/Seminary College of Jewish Music are expected to be the first recipients of the diploma of chazzan in the 1987 JTS commencement. Erica Lippitz and Marla Rosenfeld-Barugel, both expecting to receive their diplomas in 1987, agreed the decision was a victory and a profound joy for themselves and other women who want to receive the diploma. They called the decision "a new chapter in Jewish history."

Schorsch defended his decision as in accordance with Jewish law, saying he had based it on the same justification on which he based the decision to ordain women.

He reasoned that women can change their status under Jewish law by accepting the time-bound obligations traditionally reserved for men. If a woman chooses to honor those obligations, which include praying three times daily, putting on tefillin and other time oriented rituals, they may serve as rabbis or cantors. But Schorsch acknowledged that although he feels his decision abides by halacha, others would interpret the law differently and oppose him.

The decision opened up old wounds within the Conservative movement, where the more traditional elements viewed it as a "slap in the face."

Rabbi Ronald Price, executive director of the Union for Traditional Conservative Judaism, said the new policy is far more radical than the ordination of women rabbis. Price said the decision is tantamount to obliging women to violate Jewish law. He contended that cantors traditionally lead the prayer services and fulfil the obligations of their congregants to recite some mandatory prayers. But, Price said, "women cannot fulfil the man's prayer obligation which is the major function of a cantor."

Price said JTS has taken the egalitarian principle too

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JP dismisses Zundel claim

TORONTO — An application by pro-Nazi publisher Ernst Zundel to prosecute Sol Littman for allegedly spreading false information was rejected last week by a Toronto justice of the peace.

Zundel had filed documents as an initial step towards prosecuting Littman, the Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre (CJN Feb 12). Under that procedure a JP examines the documents and determines whether sufficient evidence exists to warrant a charge based on a complaint from a private citizen.

Littman has been prominent in calling on the federal government to take legal measures against Nazi war criminals and collaborators living in Canada, who he says may number up to 3,000. Zundel's allegations focused on Littman's statements about the presence in Canada of Nazi war criminals.

Zundel said he may appeal the JP's ruling.

Zundel was convicted in 1985 of publishing false information about the Holocaust, claiming it was a hoax perpetrated by Jews to extract reparations from West Germany.

The Ontario Court of Appeal overturned the conviction because of mistakes in law during the 7½-week trial, and ordered a new trial. Ontario Attorney General Ian Scott announced last week the Crown would appeal that judgment to the Supreme Court of Canada.

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Canada offers grant for Palestinian aid

OTTAWA — Canada has offered a contribution of $360,000 to the World Council of Churches to supplement the activities of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine, according to the latest edition of Development, a publication of the Canadian International Development Agency.

The project of the council, which has been hostile to Israel, would "help Palestinian refugees who do not live in UNRWA camps."

A $700,000 school built with Canadian funds and administered by UNRWA was opened by External Affairs Minister Joe Clark during his visit to Jordan last April, Development said.

UNRWA, often criticized as the only international refugee aid organization which works to maintain the refugee status of its aid recipients, has been involved with the Palestinians since 1950.

Arab appointed Atlanta consul

NEW YORK (JTA) — In an unprecedented move, Israel has decided to appoint a Moslem Arab lawyer from the village of Kafr Kara, near Haifa, as Israel's new consul-general in Atlanta, Georgia.

The decision to appoint Muhammad Masarwa as Israel's first Arab diplomat was confirmed in Jerusalem by Ehud Gol, the spokesman for the foreign ministry, and in New York by Baruch Bind, a spokesman for the Israel consulate.

Bind told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the 46-year-old Masarwa is expected to assume his new post this summer after being confirmed by the Israel cabinet. He said that the Arab lawyer, who was at one time the mayor of his village, will replace the present Israel consul-general in Atlanta, Yissaschar Katzir. Deputy consul-general Arthur Kol will continue his service under Masarwa, Bind said.

The new appointment was made by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres at the behest of Masarwa's mentor, Minister-Without-Portfolio Ezer Weizman.

Peres and his advisors have been seeking for some time a qualified Arab-Israeli to join the Israeli foreign service as part of Israel's efforts to give the Arab minority more rights and privileges and to improve Israel's image abroad in regard to the treatment of its Arab citizens.

There are 750,000 Arabs living in Israel today, or about 17% of the population.

YOUNG CHASSID LISTENS

A new generation of chassidic Jews joins his elders to hear a recent address by Lubavitcher leader Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson. [RNS/Wide World photo]

Soviet police beat up protesters for Begun

MOSCOW (UPI) — Plainclothes police last week kicked and beat Jewish demonstrators mounting protests against the imprisonment of dissident teacher Iosif Begun, detaining four protesters and three U.S. journalists.

Security was tight as about 12 uniformed police and 80 plainclothes agents assumed to be working for the KGB secret police milled about the demonstration. Agents threw protesters to the ground, repeatedly kicking and punching them. In one instance a group of 12 men kicked a woman for several minutes, then with their feet rolled her crying and pleading for mercy down the street.

The events were filmed and photographed by Soviets and uniformed police watched as plainclothesmen jumped on demonstrators before they could unfurl banners protesting the denial of emigration visas and the imprisonment of Begun, a Hebrew teacher jailed for anti-Soviet agitation.

Begun's son, Boris, was pinned and dragged kicking and screaming away while police agents hurled punches and abuse at him. Protesters Feodor Finkle, Galina Gerasimova and Mark Kurkov were arrested and sentenced to 15 days for hooliganism.

Finkle said they were beaten and kicked and that Vladimir Pimonov, detained and then released, was taken to hospital suffering from injuries.

Subsequent reports that Begun had been released remained unconfirmed as members of his family said they knew nothing of the reported development.

• **For more on the Soviet Jewry situation see page 5.**

World-National

We'll handle any trauma involved

By
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I write this column the morning after Ontario's attorney-general, Ian Scott, announced the government's decision to take the Zundel case to the Supreme Court of Canada. Unanimity in the Jewish community on any subject is rare, but it is probably true that in this case we come close to it. Our community welcomes Mr. Scott's decision and now awaits the unfolding of further events.

Rabbi Plaut

What is likely to happen from here on?

When the reasons on which the Crown will base its appeal become public knowledge there will be ample time to discuss them. These reasons will have nothing to do with public policy but only with law. Just as the Ontario Court of Appeal reversed the lower court's judgment on points of law, so will the Supreme Court of Canada be asked to reverse the judgment of the appeals body and thereby restore Ernst Zundel's conviction.

The Supreme Court, however, is not bound to accept the case for ruling and may simply refuse to deal with it. If that happens, the attorney-general must decide whether to try Zundel again or to drop the charges. What would I advise Mr. Scott to do in such a case?

I would say to him: *try him again*, but preferably not under Section 177 by which he was tried in the first instance. That is the section forbidding the spreading of false news, but the law is hobbled because the prosecution must prove "guilty knowledge," which is to say that the accused (Zundel in this case) must be proven *not to believe himself* what he published. It is my view that such a proof will always be hard to produce. Under this section even Zundel's idol, Adolf Hitler, could not be convicted, for he unfortunately believed with all the power of his warped mind what he preached about the Jews. To put it bluntly, Section 177 is a poor hook on which to hang an offender.

A better avenue

Section 281 of the Criminal Code provides a much better avenue. That is the law under which James Keegstra was convicted. It criminalizes inciting people to hatred against other people, in this case against Jews and especially survivors. If necessary, Mr. Scott could drop the original charges and at once charge Zundel under 281.

But what about the attending publicity and the inevitable trauma that we as Jews will suffer once again?

There is little we can do about publicity. Maybe this time the case would not be run up on the flag poles of sensationalism, and besides — as a recent book by two Ottawa professors has shown — Canadians as a whole were not taken in by Zundel's antics and came down strongly on the side of the Jews. Besides, there is a chance that under Section 281 the judge might take "judicial notice" of the Shoah, that is to say, he or she would deal only with the charge of inciting hatred and assume that the Shoah need not be proven to have happened.

Another suggestion

One more suggestion to Mr. Scott. Several years ago Patrick Lawler submitted a report which recommended that incitement to group hatred also be made a civil offence under the Human Rights Code. It is time to take the report from the back burner and look at it afresh. The Ontario government can quickly pass legislation (to which all parties would readily agree) to enact Mr. Lawler's recommendations in this respect, and even if such a law would not cover Zundel's past actions it would handcuff him for the future.

And our trauma? We will bear it. We have gone through many trials in our history and this one, too, will pass. We are strong enough to do what must be done. Sure, more creeps will come out of the woodwork. But in the end, Ernst Zundel will find himself on his way back to Germany where he came from — deported with a firm admonition never to come back to Canada.

Senator Helms does about-face

By
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WASHINGTON —

Republican Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina, a leader of the conservative right-wing of American politics, will be honored this summer at a dinner in New York sponsored by the Lubavitch leaders of Moshav Kiryat Gat and their American Jewish supporters.

In the summer of 1985, he toured that moshav during his first and so far only visit to Israel and he was very impressed. The senator, who has emerged as a powerful voice in Washington, seems to feel rather comfortable with the Orthodox strain of Israel and American Jewry. They now plan to formally honor him.

Helms was for years strongly disliked by the mainstream of the American Jewish community because of his extremely conservative views on such issues as prayer in schools and abortion, as well as because of his opposition to foreign aid for Israel. But lately, there has been a political conversion, as far as Israel is concerned.

His 10-day stay in Israel certainly appeared to have a significant influence on him. While in Israel, he met with Yitzhak Shamir, Shimon Peres, Moshe Arens and numerous other leaders, as well as with many average Israelis. He also spent an afternoon at Ariel Sharon's ranch.

"I believe that Israel is vital to the survival of Western civilization," Helms told a largely Jewish audience last May. And responding to allegations that he was anti-Israel, the Christian fundamentalist said, "Let me ask you this: How can someone who is named after King David's father be anti-Israel?"

Last month, Helms defeated Republican Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana for the important position as ranking minority member of the Senate foreign relations committee. During the six years that the Republicans controlled the majority in the Senate, Lugar served as chairman of the powerful foreign relations committee even though Helms outranked him in seniority. Helms had pledged to his tobacco farming constituents in North Carolina that he would become chairman of the agriculture committee instead.

The Democrats regained control of the Senate in the elections last November and this time Helms decided to use his seniority to seek the ranking slot on the foreign relations committee, rather than agriculture. Lugar, a moderate Republican, ran against him. Their Senate colleagues, bowing to the tradition of seniority, voted to allow Helms to accept that position. Democratic Senator Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island has replaced Lugar as chairman of the panel.

Thus, Helms is today a real force in Washington.

Helms, until recently, was never regarded as very friendly toward Israel. He always voted against the U.S. foreign aid legislation, and Israel is the single largest recipient of economic and military assistance. He was also outspoken in criticizing various Israeli policies, the climax being reached during Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1982. At one point, he even recommended that the U.S. consider severing diplomatic relations with Israel.

Thus, interviewed on the Cable News Network on Aug. 7, 1982, Helms was asked whether the U.S. should deny Israel future arms because of the war in Lebanon. "Well," he replied, "you know, this is a toughie because [Prime Minister] Menachem Begin has done the impossible. He has made a palatable character out of [PLO Chairman Yasser] Arafat. And if he [Begin] doesn't watch out, the public opinion in this country is going to push this government much further than Mr. Begin ever imagined. Now, he can make all the statements he wants to, but sooner or later he's got to stop this business because the American people find repugnant the continuation of the destruction of the property of innocent people, not to mention the killing of innocent people."

Question: "Well, what can you do about it?"

Helms: "Well, I think ultimately, ultimately, we've just got to shut down relations [with Israel]. Now, I know that that will send shudders through that [pro-Israel] lobby that's so powerful in this city, but just to shut off relations."

Contrast that with Helms' speech on Israel last May. "I once thought that some portions of the West Bank were negotiable in the search for a settlement," he said. "But with the massive military buildup in Syria in the past six years, aided and directed by the Soviets, I do not see how any part of the territory now administered by Israel can be given up."

And to further underline his point, he said: "It is ironic that modern Israel is crammed along the seashore, where in biblical times, the Philistines and Canaanites lived; while biblical Israel, the homeland of the Jews, is the very territory which the U.S. state department wants the Jews to leave." He rejected the strategy of trying to "separate Israel from Judea and Samaria."

Even earlier, in 1984, he had been active in the Senate in trying to get the U.S. embassy in Israel moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem — without success. "The United States, as a nation, should recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel," he said.

According to Washington insiders, that kind of 180-degree transformation was the result of several factors.

For one thing, other members of the religious right were also becoming more pro-Israel during these same years. They felt more comfortable with the more conservative policies of Menachem Begin and the Likud. Many of the leading fundamentalist preachers in America — Rev. Pat Robertson and Rev. Jerry Falwell, to name two of the most important — were returning from visits to Israel with strongly supportive positions. They certainly had an influence on many rightwing lawmakers, including Helms.

These conservatives were also impressed by Israel's growing anti-Soviet credentials. Israel, after all, was facing Soviet-armed adversaries. This further tended to reinforce their evolving attitude toward Israel.

For Helms, there was also some domestic political advantage in getting the pro-Israel community off his back. He narrowly won reelection in 1984. The American Jewish community had strongly supported his Democratic opponent, Governor Jim Hunt, with tens of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions. It was politically astute to work with the Jews, rather than against them.

But perhaps most important, Helms was influenced by two Jewish colleagues in the Senate, Chic Hecht of Nevada and Rudy Boschwitz of Minnesota, both of whom worked very hard behind the scenes to move Helms toward a more pro-Israeli posture. It was Hecht, in fact, who was instrumental in bringing Helms to Israel.

Since that trip, Helms has expressed his down-the-line support for Israel. There was one exception: he voted last year with the Reagan administration in favor of a controversial missile package for Saudi Arabia. But neither Israel nor the American Israel Public Affairs Committee had lobbied actively against the sale, anxious not to arouse what was seen as a very pro-Israel administration.

Society is becoming inured to misery of the homeless

By
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WASHINGTON —

The other day, I set off to a store in downtown Washington, walking a route I often take. I know it by heart. First I pass a man begging from a wheelchair, then a guy propped up against a building holding an "I'm hungry" sign, then a woman who simply begs and finally a tall exotic-looking woman wearing bright-red lipstick and a dazed expression who whispers, "Can you help me out?" I never do.

Am I heartless? I don't think so — but I worry about it. I think many of us are becoming inured to the homeless around us. Once, they were seldom seen — at least in Washington. Once, it was rare to be approached on the street and asked for money. Once, if you did come across such people, the instinct was to reach for some change. No more. There are too many of them.

I have never been to Calcutta. But in accounts of it by Westerners, they tell how initially they are stunned by the number of beggars and how, later, they become oblivious to them. Their sheer numbers suffocate the charitable impulse. You can not, after all, walk down a street, constantly reaching into your pockets. Few of us can afford or are prepared to be a welfare department. That is the role of government.

But government has shirked that role. The system has gone haywire. The laudable effort not to incarcerate the mentally ill who are neither a danger to themselves or anyone else, has emptied institutions. Regretably, many former patients who in theory are supposed to have other kinds of care (community homes, for instance), have none. They live on the streets. They have been joined in recent years by people who can not find or afford housing. Too much of America now wanders the streets by day and lives in shelters at night. The government, to what should be its shame, does precious little about it.

Maybe it takes a certain amount of gall to take the spotlight off the homeless and turn it, instead, on you and me. After all, it is the homeless who are suffering. They are the ones who are hungry by day, cold by night. It is the homeless who occasionally freeze to death or whose bodies are found in the ashes of deserted buildings consumed by fire. They are the ones who suffer from depression, schizophrenia, alcoholism or just plain hopelessness. It is their pain that is real. What right do we have to complain?

But I am not talking about a problem of aesthetics — the unsightliness of some of the homeless. I am not referring to the annoyance of being approached for money, sometimes by people who stink or frighten. I am talking, instead, of a hardening that comes over us all when a horror becomes a commonplace.

We have become used to so much in recent years. In big cities, we live behind bars and take that for granted. We need identification cards to enter the places where we work. We talk to strangers through intercoms and open the door for almost no one. We have lost so much of what comprises community and when it comes to the homeless, we are on the verge of losing its most essential component — an interest in the welfare of others.

Some states are reconsidering policies toward the benignly insane. Are they really better off on the streets than in an institution? Always, and properly, the focus is on the homeless themselves: What is best for them?

But the rest of us have a stake in this debate, too, because the present policy takes a toll on us as well. Our store of concern, never quite as brimming as our own self-obsession, gets depleted by a stroll down the street. Sights that once shocked, no longer do. We are becoming inured to misery.

On a corner near where I live, a deranged homeless man attacked my dog. For no reason, he kicked the dog. For the next several weeks, I would not walk my dog near that corner and, as a result, I resented people who offered money to the man who had kicked my dog. I wanted him gone from my neighborhood. I grew to hate that homeless man.

The man is gone now. But not the shame that I had come to despise a crazy man. Now I walk the streets seeing and not seeing, caring and not caring, as if each beggar took a piece of my concern until there was none left. They are the homeless. Unless something is done about them, we will become the heartless.

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Politics prevents consensus

Mapam affiliate launches drive for delegates

By
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TORONTO —

Political controversies in Israel are having repercussions in the Canadian Zionist Federation and the World Zionist Congress. The composition of the Canadian delegation to the quadrennial Congress later this year is in doubt.

That's what brings Chanan Cohen to Canada. Cohen, 48, is a member of the secretariat of Mapam in Israel — the left wing Zionist party that broke with Labor when it joined in the national unity government with Likud. He's here to help local organizers boost support for Friends of Pioneering Israel, Mapam's Canadian supporter that represents what Cohen calls "the progressive" wing of the Zionist movement.

His aim: to assure a greater role for FPI in the 19-person Canadian delegation to the WZC than it had last time around.

In most years, Canadian delegates to the World Zionist Congress were chosen unanimously by a committee consisting of representatives of the CZF's 15 constituent groups, based on their relative strength.

Things may be done just a little bit differently for the 1987 Congress.

The volatility and factiousness of Jewish politics is making the possibility of a consensus on the composition of the Canadian delegation less and less likely. Ordinarily, some sort of agreement could be hammered out as to the composition of the Canadian delegation so that a more costly electoral process could be avoided. This year, however, Zionist organizations are gearing up for a full-blown election.

The constituent organizations under CZF's umbrella are attempting to garner added support when the balloting begins, perhaps in May. "Each organization wants the maximum number of delegates to have a say in the issues that come before the Congress," says Barry Brodwin, administrative-director of CZF.

Chanan Cohen, a mild-mannered, bespectacled man with a ready smile, says this year's Congress may be "a hot one." Issues such as the spending in Israel of money raised in the Diaspora, political recognition of the three main streams of Judaism, the question of pluralism in Israel and the makeup of the World Zionist Organization executive will likely be debated at the Congress, expected in December, says Cohen.

With that in mind and cognizant that it has sympathizers — if not active supporters — in the U.S. and Canada, Mapam is seeking to broaden its support in the Diaspora.

Last time around, Friends of Pioneering Israel were represented at the Congress by a single delegate out of 19 sent by Canada. The other 18 spots went to representatives of the Labor Zionists, Herut, Mizrachi and other Zionist organizations.

This year, with the prospect of an election looming large, the 19 spots will probably be apportioned on the basis of a mail-in ballot. And Cohen, as well as Yigal Gilboa, representative for Kibbutz Artzi movement, are urging people who subscribe to Mapam's policies to register as FPI supporters, allowing them to participate in the vote.

In Canada, a number of groups, including the New Jewish Agenda, FPI and Reconstructionist Synagogues have formed Canadians for a Progressive Israel, an ad hoc coalition for the election that shares views with Mapam on a variety of issues:

Issues:

- Promoting Jewish-Arab dialogue.
- Reducing tensions between secular and Orthodox Jews.
- Encouraging religious pluralism.
- Encouraging civil rights programs to guarantee equality for all Israelis without prejudice on any grounds.
- Reapportioning funds to go to distressed communities, development towns, kibbutzim and moshavim rather than to West Bank settlements.
- Fostering tolerance, coexistence and peace.

Chanan Cohen

The Canadian coalition consists of people from all walks of life, says Cohen, including business people, rabbis, secular leaders and former Israel Defence Force officers.

For $2, members of CZF constituent groups can vote in the elections, says Brodwin. For $5, members of unaffiliated groups can take part.

Brodwin says in the past it was difficult for the 15-person committee to reach consensus about the makeup of the Canadian delegation, but usually an apportionment of spots was hammered out.

That committee consists of a single representative from each of the CZF's constituent organizations, Brodwin says: FPI, Achdut Ha'avoda Poale Zion, Confederation of United Zionists, Labor-Zionist Alliance of Canada, Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, Canadian Sephardi Federation, Herut Hatzohar Movement of Canada (Men's and Women's), Kadima — Canadian Council of Reform Zionists, Labor Zionist Movement of Canada, Na'amat Pioneer Women, Zionist Organization of Canada, Mizrachi — Hapoel Hamizrachi Organization of Canada, Emunah Women of Canada and this year a new addition, Tehiya Canada. Mercaz Canada, the Conservative congregations' organization, is expected to apply for affiliation to the CZF, Brodwin says.

At the 1982 Congress, of 546 delegates, 200 were from Israel, 152 from the U.S. and 194 from the rest of the Diaspora, he adds.

For more information about Friends of Pioneering Israel, call Yigal Gilboa at 736-0977.

Conservatives press for say in upcoming Zionist elections

TORONTO —

Mercaz-Canada hopes to have 10,000 members for the coming Canadian Zionist Federation-World Zionist Congress elections to ensure the religious pluralism it believes necessary for positive relations between the Diaspora and Israel.

That is the main issue for the organization, says Norma Rubin, secretary of the Canadian Council for Conservative Judaism, the national organization of Conservative synagogues. Mercaz-Canada is a project of the CCCJ.

"Although Jews in the Conservative movement were instrumental in forming the Zionist organizations of this country," she says, "the Conservative movement did not play a part as an organization.

"It was individuals from the Conservative movement who worked for Zionist goals. As a movement it did not have a say in Zionist matters and we felt that this is something that should be corrected."

Thus Mercaz-Canada was formed (and officially named Mercaz-Canada in November 1986) "to ensure the validation, the legitimization of the Conservative movement in Israel," because "the views of Conservative Jews in Israel are not represented and Conservative institutions are underfunded," says Rubin.

Writing in the December 1986 Viewpoints, William Abrams, immediate past-chairman of adult education for the United Synagogue of America, and editor of Viewpoints elaborates on this idea:

"Why do we need to join the Zionist Movement? For the declared purpose of Mercaz is to move the WZO away from the outmoded political alignments which characterize its present structure, and towards the religious alignments to which Conservative Judaism is dedicated and which it believes will prove to be the answer to the present deep and widening division within Israeli society.

"The main purpose of both Mercaz and Kadima (the Canadian Reform Zionist Party) is therefore the disestablishment of fundamentalist Orthodoxy and the institution of a free and open competition between the various religious denominations that obtains in North America to-day."

Mercaz-Canada, says Rubin, believes in halacha interpreted in terms of modern day needs; and in fostering aliya.

The Conservative movement, she notes, supports Kibbutz Hanaton in the Galil, and has a branch of the Jewish Theological Seminary in Jerusalem.

To achieve its election goals, Rubin says officials of Mercaz-Canada and rabbis in each of the 34 United Synagogues across the country have been promoting the organization and its aims.

For more information on Mercaz-Canada in Toronto, call: (416) 789-0579; in Montreal, (514) 484-4415; in Winnipeg, (204) 452-3711; in Vancouver, (604) 263-2625.

Israelis take delivery of U.S. fighter bombers

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Three advanced F-16C fighter bombers flown by American pilots landed at an air base "somewhere in Israel" last week after a flight from Texas. They are the latest additions to the Israel Air Force and the first of 75 such aircraft ordered by Israel at a cost of $3 billion.

A welcoming group at the air base was headed by Premier Yitzhak Shamir, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Air Force Commander Gen. Amos Lapidot and other senior officers.

Shamir said these planes and those to follow will make an "important contribution in defending Israel's goals."

Their sale to Israel, the only country apart from the U.S. to have the F-16C, was an expression of the firm bonds of friendship between Israel and the U.S., Shamir said. He added, "The U.S. knows that we are in the forefront of the defence of democracy in this part of the world."

The F-16C, manufactured by General Dynamics, is an improved version of the F-16A and F-16B, which have been in the Israel Air Force since 1980, and have already tested in combat, including clashes with Syrian MIGs.

The F-16C, called the Fighting Falcon, is a single-seater plane. It and its 2-seat counterpart, the F-16D, which is among the 75 to be delivered to Israel, are powered by General Electric F110 engines, which are more powerful than the Pratt and Whitney 100 engines which propel the F-16A and B.

The new planes have better electric and electronic systems and carry a heavier load of bombs and missiles. The manufacturer has incorporated highly sophisticated equipment developed in Israel, including air frame, a computer memory and advanced radar.

The aircrafts are priced at about $40 million each and are considered a rival to the Lavi, Israel's second generation fighter plane designed and built by Israel Aircraft Industries. The U.S. has been urging Israel to abandon the Lavi project on grounds of excessive costs and the advanced F-16s have been proposed by the Pentagon as an alternative. The Lavi prototype had its first test flights last month.

Due to the transfer of the incumbent, the
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Edmonton Talmud Torah Elementary School
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The Edmonton Talmud Torah is a Jewish day school within the Edmonton Public School District.

Enquiries regarding the position and resumes may be directed to: Dave Ible, Supervisor Leadership Staffing, Centre for Education, 1 Kingsway, Edmonton, Alberta T5H 4G9. Tel: (403) 429-8096.

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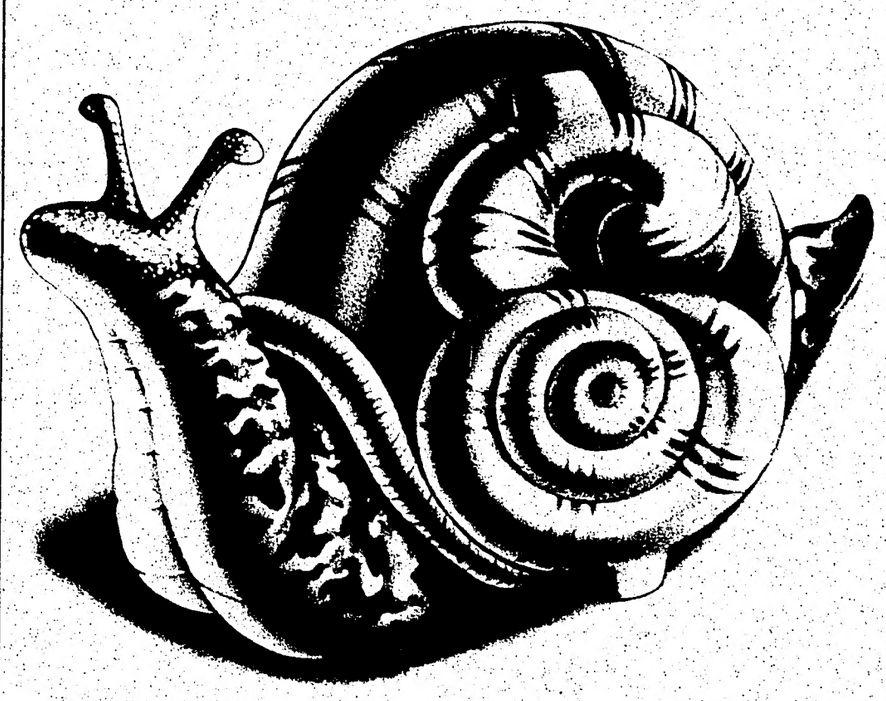

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: How does one square the way of the Refusenik with the concept of dinah demalchusah?

In the laws of our holy faith, a distinction was always made between kings who observed the rule of law, and rulers who knew no law. No sovereign had the right to interfere with the practice of the Jewish religion.

Rabbi Burak

In the days of Antiochus, when he forbade the practice of brith milah, his commands were disregarded. In Talmudic days, when the study of Torah was forbidden, Rabbi Chaninah ben Teradyon went right on teaching Torah, and was ready to pay the supreme penalty for it.

A government was always in the right when it asked for its taxes, and our laws state clearly that it is a crime not to pay them. But, if the tax became exorbitant, it became illegal, and did not require, or merit respect. The Code H. M. Chapter 369:11, in the last lines, states: "We do not say dinah demalchusah except where it benefits the king or the people of the country."

What should one think of Russia? In 1965, Dr. Zosa Szajkowski wrote these words, in the Jewish Quarterly Review: "Only the revolution and the change of regime gave the Jews of Germany their full unrestricted rights. And this could also be said about Russia, where the Jews had almost no rights at all. Not the czarist regime, but the revolution emancipated the Russian Jews."

But is the Jew emancipated? Is he free to practice his religion? If he is, why do so many adult Jewish males enter the covenant of Abraham with brith milah only after they arrive in the Western hemisphere, or in Israel? Let a man speak out on these matters, and he will be put in a madhouse.

Declared insane

This incarceration in mental institutions is a throwback to the early czars. While doing some research in old newspapers, I found this vignette in Baltimore's The Sun, July 4, 1844: "SOME OF THE BEAUTIES OF TYRANNY. During the reign of Peter the First, Czar of Russia, it was the custom of that tyrant to punish those nobles who offended him by an imperial order that they should become fools; from which moment, the unfortunate victim, however endowed with intellect, instantly became the laughing stock of the whole court."

Czar Peter did this to his nobles; he did not strike out at a humble citizen. What does the current regime gain when it holds back a visa from an ailing woman? What state secrets did this poor woman have, that she was prevented from joining her sister, all these years? Of what crime was she guilty, that she was not permitted to leave?

There is a maxim in English law that "a king can do no wrong." This did not mean that the king was above the law. Bracton gave us a famous ruling on this score: "The king is under no man, but he is under God and the Law." But, Russia has banished God from all its territories, and so there is no Higher Law to check its excesses.

So, a lady, sick with cancer, had to wait for U.S. senators and Canadian officials to intervene on her behalf, and then, at last, as an act of clemency, Lea Mariasin was permitted to leave Russia for Canada, to enter Toronto General Hospital.

In these very cold days, when people go to Florida for a little sunshine, one often hears that Florida is one, large, old-age home. Of course, Florida is much more than that. And what is Russia? There is the Bolshoi, the opera, the great athletes. But, in the main, it's one large prison

You want to prove it isn't? "Let my people go."

Centenary album planned

Canadian Zionists to get spotlight

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

It may be totally out of character, but Canadians will have a chance to "blow their horn" during a scheduled year-long celebration of the centenary of Zionism in this country and the contribution of its people to the State of Israel.

Canadian Zionist pioneers, heroes of the War of Independence, immigrant success stories, and support and development of Israel's institutions and economy will be spotlighted through a variety of projects being planned for the 100th anniversary, to be launched later this year under the auspices of the Canadian Zionist Federation.

David Azrieli, who will become CZF president next month, sees the centenary as an opportunity for the Canadian Jewish community to learn about and take pride in distinctly Canadian achievement in the creation and development of Israel, a record which has tended to be overshadowed by American omnipresence.

Eliyahu Tal, who owned Israel's largest advertising agency and since his retirement has completed a number of major public relations assignments for the Israeli foreign ministry, the Prime Minister's office and the World Zionist Organization, is coordinator of the centenary celebration.

"The role of Canadian Jewry has never been put into the proper perspective; no attempt has been made before to tell the full story of Canadian involvement in Israel," Tal said.

"The Canadian Jewish community modestly keeps a low profile, whereas the strong Jewish organizations of the U.S. blow their horns. Consequently, Canadian activities and achievement are often identified as 'American' in the eyes of Israelis."

Plans call for the publication of a souvenir album summarizing through words and photos the 100 years of Zionist activity in Canada, with emphasis on personalities.

"(American) Col. Mickey Marcus is acclaimed as the Mahal (volunteers from abroad), hero of the War of Independence, while Lt. Col. Ben Dunkelman (a Torontonian), commander of the Israel Defence Force's 7th Brigade is virtually unknown," Tal pointed out.

Family tours

A generation of Jewish young people in Canada is unaware that a Montreal native, Dov Joseph, was the military governor of Jerusalem during the siege of 1948-49, he continued, rattling off a half-dozen other individuals, all but forgotten.

Research and material compiled for this album should produce such spinoffs as a video film, an educational booklet for youth, and media kits. The centenary logo, which may appear on everything from letterheads to posters to matchbook covers, is a blue and red integrated maple leaf and Star of David.

Other activities being developed include family tours to Israel, which will include visits to Canada Park, Galil Canada, Emek Hefer, the Zacks Pavilion and other projects associated with Canada, as well as a get-together with Canadian olim; an economic conference in Israel under the sponsorship of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and a special centenary task force; a memorial salute to the Canadian volunteers who fell in the wars of Israel; and a tour of Canada by a troupe of Israeli entertainers and an Israeli fashion show.

Ceremonial openings of the centenary celebration are expected to be held in both Canada and Israel, and the honorary patronage of the Prime Ministers of both countries will be sought.

The friendship between Israel and Canada will be highlighted, including early non-Jewish Canadian support for the Zionist cause. The centenary will lead the way for a Canadian celebration of Israel's 40th anniversary in 1988.

Tal has traced the origin of Zionism in Canada to one Alexander Harkarvy, a rather obscure figure in Canadian Jewish history who is credited with founding the first Zionist group in Canada, Chovevi Zion, in 1887 — 10 years before Theodor Herzl called the first Zionist Congress in Basel, Switzerland. Two Jewish families from Canada also settled in Palestine that year.

Born in Vilna in 1865, Harkarvy lived in Montreal only 18 months before moving to the United States. In that short time, he not only founded the Zionist group, but a Hebrew circle known as Agudah Ivrit, a Yiddish newspaper called Zeit and wrote a Yiddish-English dictionary, still in use. He was a Hebrew teacher at the Shaar Hashomayim synagogue, then referred to as the Congregation of Polish, German and English Jews.

Eliyahu Tal

According to Tal's calculations, the combined contribution of Canadian Jewry to Israel is "proportionately larger" than that of any other community in the world. He cites as financial support, olim, number of volunteers in the Jewish Legion in World War I and the War of Independence (sevenfold compared to the U.S.) and such pioneering ideas as introducing the first supermarket (Supersol), drugstore (Superpharm) and enclosed shopping centre (Azrieli's Canion in Ramat Gan) are taken into account.

He describes the Jewish National Fund's Galil Canada, which is building settlements in the Galilee, "the single greatest project of one Jewish community."

The centenary will also serve a chance for Israel to show due recognition to Canadian Jewry. "We will be giving something to the Diaspora instead of asking for something."

Tal is now looking for contributions of personal stories, photos, documents and other materials that may be helpful in putting together the history of Canadian Zionism.

The material may be sent to Glenna Uline, National Program Director, Canadian Zionist Federation, 1310 Greene Ave., Montreal H3Z 2B2. The deadline is April 1.

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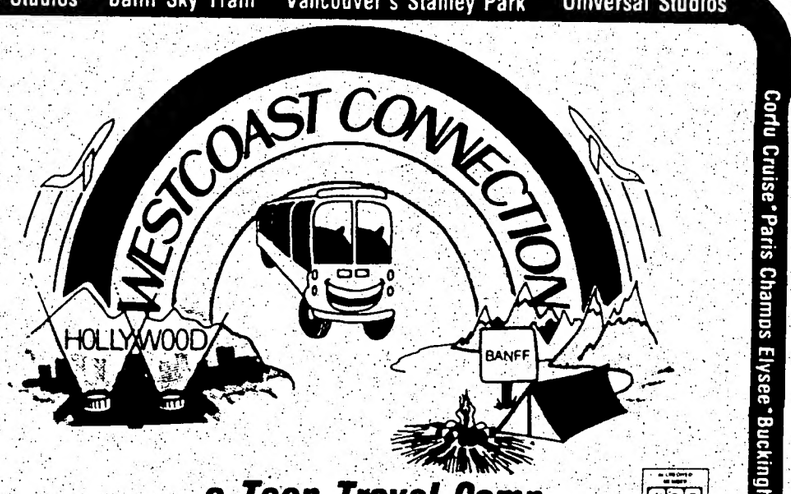

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Soviets give Ioffes permission to leave

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Soviet Refusenik Dimitry Ioffe, his wife and daughter were last week granted permission to emigrate to Israel though Dimitry's father Alexander will remain in the Soviet Union, according to a spokesman for a Canadian Jewish Congress.

Ben Prossin, director of the Committee for Soviet Jewry of CJC, Ontario Region, told The CJN that reliable sources in New York said Ioffe, along with Refuseniks Mikhail Shipov, Mark Freidlan, both of Moscow, and Vladimir and Dora Konstantinovski of Rustovi received permission to travel to Israel.

It was unknown when the Ioffe family would be allowed to leave Moscow.

"We must be very cautious in interpreting" the Soviet actions, Prossin stressed. It is much too unclear whether last week's developments herald a significant shift in Soviet policy, he said.

Pointing to the continued incarceration of Prisoner of Conscience Iosif Begun, Prossin noted that Begun was not among the 140 political prisoners freed recently by the Soviets.

News reports stated the prisoners were released on condition they sign a statement recanting their previous activities or agreeing to limit their future activities for human rights.

Begun, who has been seeking to emigrate to Israel since 1971, refused to sign that statement. He has been in Chistopol prison since 1983 when he was sentenced to 12 years for "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda." His crime — teaching Hebrew.

In a telephone conversation last week from Moscow to the U.S. National Conference on Soviet Jewry, Begun's wife Inna said: "I am very concerned for my husband's life." She said she believed he was continuing a 3-month hunger strike. Inna Begun, her son, Boris, and other Refuseniks have been picketing in Moscow on his behalf.

Roald (Alex) Zelichonok, one of those released said: "Now my problem is to leave here and make my way to Israel."

In Israel, the absorption ministry has reportedly prepared a master plan for the mass absorption of Soviet Jews based on an estimated 10,000 immigrants per year, at a projected cost of U.S. $221 million, JTA reports.

Meanwhile, last week in Parliament Toronto-area MP Bill Attewell again brought up the matter of Ioffe as well as the release of "high profile Refuseniks" such as Anatoly Scharansky and the Mariasin family (CJN Feb. 12).

He noted their release "masks the cruel situation which really exists. It is estimated that over 400,000 Jews are being denied their fundamental human rights to leave Russia.

"How can we trust the Soviet Union regarding peace or disarmament accords if we cannot trust the Soviets to live up to their basic human rights obligations?" he asked.

Roger Clinch, parliamentary secretary to External Affairs Minister Joe Clark, noted that Clark and Canadian embassy officials raised Ioffe's case and those of other Refuseniks in meetings with Soviet officials.

"It's tragic that Ioffe should have to resort to a hunger strike to obtain a right provided for in the Helsinki Final Act and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, both of which have been signed by the Soviet Union," he said.

CJC's National Committee for Soviet Jewry reported that only 98 Jews were granted exit visas during January. Soviet officials, including members of the Anti-Zionist Committee of the Soviet Union, have stated that a significant number of Refusenik cases are under review and that 500 Soviet Jews were recently granted exit visas.

However Barbara Stern, chairwoman of the National Committee on Soviet Jewry of CJC said the 98 visas show that "notwithstanding promises that the emigration process would be changed as of Jan. 1, we see a continuance of the policy of the previous year." Less than 1,000 Jews were allowed out of the Soviet Union in 1986.

In Toronto, the condition of recently released Refusenik Lea Mariasin is much better than doctors first believed. Physicians at Toronto General Hospital originally feared Mariasin, 61, was suffering from multiple myeloma. However tests show Mariasin is suffering from skin plasmacytomas and she is being treated with oral medication. She is expected to enjoy several years of good health, according to Dr. Michael Baker, head of cancer research and treatment at TGH.

Mariasin's brother-in-law Eugene Katz said U.S. journalist Nicholas Daniloff, once detained by the Soviets for spying, was expected to visit Lea in hospital.

In Montreal, cancer specialist Dr. Gerald Batist said 16-year-old Alexandr Shats left Moscow on his way to Edmonton for treatment of a genital sarcoma at the Cross Cancer Centre.

Shats was accompanied by his mother, Janna, but Batist said the pair were granted permission to remain outside the Soviet Union for only 30 days and the boy's father was not allowed to leave Kiev.

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American activists working on behalf of Soviet Jewry last week welcomed the unexpected release of Soviet political prisoners, but remained skeptical as to whether the release indicated a genuine change of direction by the Soviet leadership.

The American consensus seemed to be that the Soviet policy of "glasnost" (openness) gives rise to hope, but that much more must be done to prove Moscow's good faith, JTA reports. Morris Abram chairman of the U.S. National Conference on Soviet Jewry, said "it is imperative to separate fact from fantasy."

The Reagan administration took a similar view, urging that the release of the political prisoners be followed by the release of all political prisoners and Prisoners of Conscience as well as permission to emigrate for all Soviet Jews who wish to do so.

U.S. state department spokesman Charles Redman said Soviet action on the human rights front would have an "impact on the climate of U.S.-Soviet relations."

Marvin Tanner, president of the Montreal Chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science, (second from right), and his wife Joyce receive a Scroll of Appreciation from the society's national president H. Thomas Beck (left) and board chairman James Kay.

Canadian institute at Weizmann

Research facility to open

MONTREAL —
The Canadian Institute for the Energies and Applied Research at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovoth, Israel, will open in April, says a Weizmann scientist.

The research facility will concentrate high measures of power enabling significant experiments to be undertaken, Prof. David Samuel said in the keynote address to the recent annual meeting of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute.

Samuel, director of the Centre for Neurosciences and Behavioral Research at the institute, described a number of important breakthroughs in medical research as well as in environmental and hi-tech projects.

He said, however, that along with other Israeli educational centres, the Weizmann Institute is suffering from the consequences of the country's severe economic conditions and is relying more and more on contributions to continue vital research.

The annual meeting, which attracted participants from across Canada, heard reports from the society's national president, H. Thomas Beck, as well as from the chairman, James Kay and the treasurer, Donald Loeb.

David Dennis, the president of the Toronto Chapter, spoke on the forthcoming Weizmann Mission to Israel. This mission, entitled Discovery 87, will visit Israel from May 6-18.

Elections were held and the following slate of officers was elected: Murray Koffler, chairman emeritus; James Kay, chairman of the board; H. Thomas Beck, president; Morris Belkin, Melvyn Dobrin, Leo Perkell, Barrie Rose, Hy Isenbaum, Joel Greisman, vice-presidents; Donald Loeb, treasurer; Jules James, secretary; Wolfe Goodman, honorary counsel.

Leo Perkell, co-chairman of the nomination committee, also announced the election of the following new board members: David Bloom, Lawrence Bloomberg, Marshall Cohen, Collin Craig, Sid Cutler, Susan Davidson, David Geneen, Allen Gordon, Lila Gotheil, Mervyn Kerman, Rubin Kunin, Bea Minden, David Rubin, Gerry Schwartz, Skippy Sigel, Allan Silber, Brian Steck.

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

1. Which Jew served at the helm of a Muslim army?
2. What religion has its main religious shrines at Akko and Haifa in Israel?
3. What is the name of the Jewish quarter in Teheran and other Iranian cities?

Edmond Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

1. Samuel Ha-Nagid, statesman, poet and scholar was the military commander of Grenada in Muslim Spain from 1038 to 1056.
2. Baha'i.
3. The Mahalleh.

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These questions and answers came from the book 6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People by Edmond Y. Lipsitz, published by JESL Educational Products, Downsview, Ont. Dr. Lipsitz would be pleased to receive your comments, or to consider your own Jewish quiz questions for inclusion in future columns. Write to him, c/o Canadian Jewish News.

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Supreme Court of Canada considering request for appeal

Scott seeks reinstatement of Zundel conviction

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Ontario Attorney General Ian Scott has decided to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada a judgment ordering a new trial for Nazi propagandist Ernst Zundel.

Scott said the Crown will ask the High Court to review questions of jury selection, admissibility of evidence at trial, the judge's instructions to the jury and whether judicial notice of the existence of the Holocaust should have been taken.

It will be up to the Supreme Court to determine whether the legal issues raised in the Crown appeal warrant its attention. Appeals to the Supreme Court are done by leave of the court, not as of right. It could be 60 days before the court considers Ontario's request for appeal.

In a unanimous 5-man decision recently, the Ontario Court of Appeal reversed Zundel's conviction for wilfully publishing lies denying the Holocaust and ordered a new trial. It is that reversal the Crown is now appealing.

Zundel was convicted in March 1985 after a controversial and well publicized 7½-week jury trial and sentenced to 15 months in jail. A month later Zundel, a landed immigrant who has lived in Canada since 1958, was ordered deported. He appealed both decisions and is now free on $10,000 bail.

Scott told the Ontario legislature last week that after hearing the views of a number of interested parties, including Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith Canada, North American Jewish Students Network and the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association, he made the decision to seek leave of the Supreme Court to appeal the judgment.

While the meetings were helpful, Scott stated "the decision to proceed was finally based, as it must be in all cases, on strict concern for the due administration of justice."

Jewish groups lauded Scott's decision. Rose Wolfe, chairperson of the Joint Community Relations Committee of CJC, Ontario Region, said Congress was "pleased" with the decision "as the most direct way of seeking to reinstate Zundel's original conviction."

Charles Zaionz, chairman of Ontario Region of Congress, said that "were the appeal to the Supreme Court not to meet with success, I fully expect the attorney general to take Zundel to court once again."

Zaionz noted that one of the grounds of appeal being pursued by the Crown is the failure of the trial judge to take judicial notice of the Holocaust. (Judicial notice is a legal process allowing a court to dispense with proof of widely accepted events.)

He said the Congress representatives who met with Scott made the point that it is "ludicrous to put the Holocaust on trial when it's a globally known historic fact."

Alan Shefman, a spokesman for B'nai B'rith, said the organization is pleased the Crown is going to "act on this matter. If leave is not forthcoming," he added, "we urge the attorney general to continue to proceed with the action and to bring charges under Section 281.2 of the Criminal Code."

That section, used to convict former school teacher Jim Keegstra, makes it an offence to wilfully promote hatred against an identifiable group. Zundel was charged under Section 177 of the Code, which deals with publishing false information likely to cause damage to the public interest in social and racial tolerance.

Helen Smolack, spokesperson for the CHRA, said legal action against Zundel "is like surgery that's necessary to excise something that's making you unhealthy."

The Toronto Mayor's Committee on Community and Race Relations last week passed a resolution advising the attorney general that "fear of providing a public forum to Ernst Zundel or any other publisher of 'Holocaust-denial' material should play no part in decisions with respect to the vigorous exercise of his prosecutorial discretion. Further, the Committee urges the attorney general to take all steps necessary to ensure the matter does not die and to continue using the discretion of his office to achieve this end."

The Mayor's Committee is a 15-person body established in 1981 to serve as an advocacy and advisory body on eliminating discrimination and encouraging better relations between cultural groups.

Scott reportedly said the question of whether Zundel will benefit from more publicity as a result of the continued legal process against him "is entirely in the hands of the free press to decide."

Rabbi: Misquoted by media

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi of Migdal Haemek, Yitzhak David Grossman, denied that he banned women from attending funerals on grounds that their presence together with men could "cause disaster." Israeli women protested furiously (CJN Feb. 12).

He complained, in full-page advertisements in several newspapers that he had been a victim of media misrepresentation.

Grossman and his Sephardic counterpart, Rabbi Avraham Menachem, were reported to have issued the ban because of an abnormally high number of deaths in the town recently. At the recent funeral of a local woman, her daughters, granddaughters and sisters were not permitted to approach the grave until the men had left.

Grossman said he never issued an halachic injunction but was merely conforming with the wishes of the deceased. He was quoted in the media as saying, "The public demanded that we do something about all these disasters (the recent high death rate) and since it is written in the Zohar that women's attendance at funerals can cause disasters, we decided this was the best course of action."

Grossman said he has no intention of banning women from funerals. There was no comment from Rabbi Menachem.

BB names head of development

TORONTO — Sheryn Posen has been appointed national director of development of B'nai B'rith Canada.

Sheryn Posen

She will be responsible for directing all aspects of the BB Foundation fund raising programs across Canada including its corporate award dinners, endowment programs and special projects.

Posen, who joined BB in September 1985 as Ontario director of development, holds a Physical and Health Education degree from the University of Toronto and a Masters degree in administration from the University of Ottawa.

CJC Yiddish body chairman named

MONTREAL — Joseph Kage, national executive vice-president of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada for many years, has been appointed chairman of the National Committee on Yiddish of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Outgoing chairman J.B. Salsberg, a columnist for The Canadian Jewish News, said Kage was the unanimous choice of committee for his successor.

Since his retirement from JIAS in 1983, Kage has undertaken a number of freelance assignments including serving as adviser and case consultant to the Refugee Status Advisory Committee of Employment and Immigration Canada and director of a study on Jews in Quebec for the Quebec department of cultural affairs.

Joseph Kage

He is the author of numerous publications, a columnist for the Jewish Eagle, and editor of several periodicals.

As a volunteer, Kage has served as president of the Jewish Public Library, the J.I. Segal Foundation for Jewish Culture and the Canadian Ethnic Press Federation.

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A person was often named after the date of his birth. Pesach (the festival of Passover) was a given name and from it were derived Pesachis and Peschovitz (often abbreviated to Pascoe). My friend, Ethel Turk, was born Pesachis, which was shortened to Sachis.

Nissan is the Hebrew month in which Passover falls and similarly became the given name for those born in that month. From it emerges the patronymic surname Nissnevitch.

The same device appears in English names. A boy born on Christmas day was named Noel. A girl was called Natalie.

Shabbatai was born on the Sabbath. His descendants were Shabbasowitz (more familiar to hotdog eaters as Shopsowitz or Shopsy).

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DIARY ...of a People

By
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Rabbi Yechiel Michel Epstein was born Shevat 20 (Feb. 19 this year), 1829. The initially reluctant spiritual leader became a leading halachist and peacemaker in Eastern Europe.

Yechiel Michel's surname was adopted from the German township of Epstein, his family Benvenisti's first new home after the expulsion from Spain in 1492. He was born in the White Russian town of Bobroysk, near Minsk, expected to follow in his wealthy father's footsteps as podryachik, supplier and transport contractor for the Russian army. The youngster's astounding grasp of Torah induced the community's Rabbi Eliyahu Goldberg to persuade his parents that their son should be allowed to devote himself to a scholar's career. Goldberg, recognized as a gaon (Torah genius), eventually ordained and encouraged him to become a rav (spiritual leader) and posek, halachic arbitrator.

Goldberg encouraged young Epstein to fill the difficult position of rav of Novozivkov, a town cleft between chassidim and mitnagdim, their opponents. At its birth decades earlier, chassidism was feared to be a manifestation of false messiahs Shabbetai Zvi and Jacob Frank. Differences from traditional Orthodoxy as well as competition for adherents served to perpetuate hostility.

Epstein proved to be the ideal candidate. His mentor, who had warm relationships with local leaders, helped inculcate in him a strong love for his fellow Jews and appreciation of their essential unity. Bobroysk also had a Lubavitcher spiritual leader, Rabbi Hillel of Poretz, with whom Epstein was on excellent terms. The town's two leaders sent glowing recommendations with Epstein when he decided to visit the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Menachem Mendel, for an extended consultation. A close friendship developed during their month together, which culminated in a momentous surprise. The Rebbe bestowed his own smicha on Epstein, and, despite his advanced age, personally accompanied the younger man along the road back to Novozivkov.

Model community

Word that "the Rebbe loves that Litvak" spread like wildfire. Epstein was soon declining offers to head various chassidic communities across Eastern Europe. His halachic decisions — widely respected for their insight and compassion as well as technical expertise — and personal relationships filled the chasm between the town's chassidim and mitnagdim to create a model Jewish community.

His influence radiated far beyond Novozivkov. It paved the way, directly and indirectly, for their joining of hands in the face of increasing westernizing movements and assimilation. Epstein's proficiency in Russian also came to stand him in good stead — he was one of the few traditional spiritual leaders who could eloquently plead Judaism's cause before czarist officials without recourse to interpreters and other intermediaries.

He took up the spiritual leadership of Novaradok 10 years later.

Epstein published *Or LaYesharim (Light to the Righteous)*, an updated commentary on a chassidic classic, in 1868, as well as tracts on the Jerusalem Talmud and the haggadah. His life's major work was Aruch HaShulchan (The Table is Set). Its 16 volumes comprise an update of four sections in Rabbi Joseph Karo's 15th century seminal halachic compilation, the Shulchan Aruch. They are: Orech Chaim (Way of Life), reviewing religious observance in home and synagogue; Choshen Mishpat (Breastplate of Judgment), civil and criminal law; Yoreh De'ah (Teaching Knowledge), on kashruth, mourning, and ritual purity; and Even HaEzer (Stone of Assistance), on marriage, divorce and other aspects of family life. He aimed to clarify centuries of confusing and sometimes apparently contradictory rulings.

Epstein placed rulings in their halachic and historical contexts. Each practical halacha is preceded by its background, Torah origin, and predecessors' interpretations. Infusing the Aruch HaShulchan is the spirit of common sense and determined leniency that he practiced as a rav, when he chose the most appropriate of authoritative rulings in accordance with petitioners' circumstances.

Epstein died in 1907, a leader widely esteemed for his compassion, common sense and halachic authority.

Montreal-area councils back Refuseniks

3 empty chairs signify support

MONTREAL —

There are empty chairs at a number of suburban council chambers these days. And the reason is not indifference to the latest controversy over sewer pipe maintenance or the flooding of outdoor rinks or any of the other issues that usually preoccupy municipal administrations.

Cote St. Luc, Hampstead and Town of Mount Royal are leaving a chair vacant at their council tables until the three Refuseniks each has named honorary citizens are allowed to leave the Soviet Union.

The three mayors, Bernard Lang, Irving Adessky and Reginald Dawson, have made proclamations at recent council meetings that this action is a symbolic gesture of support with the Refuseniks.

The project is being coordinated by B'nai B'rith.

Cote St. Luc's honorary citizen is Roald Zelichenok, a 50-year-old electronics engineer from Leningrad who has been a Refusenik since 1978. A Hebrew activist, he was convicted in the summer of 1985 of "defaming the Soviet state" and sentenced to three years in a labor camp.

Miriam Garvis, BB's Montreal director, said Zelichenok is believed to the seriously ill. He is known to suffer from hypertension and thought to have had a stroke in November.

In December, his wife Galina was refused her scheduled visit with him. Zelichenok was transferred to a camp in Alma Ata in the Central Asian republic of Kazakhstan apparently because it was believed a warmer climate would be better for his health.

Zelichenok wishes to be reunited with two aunts living in Israel.

Thirty-one-year-old Aleksandr Yakir is Hampstead's honorary citizen. He is a former Prisoner of Conscience, released last June. A native of Moscow, he was first refused an exit visa in 1973. His parents, Evgeny and Rimma Yakir, have been Refuseniks since 1974.

TMR should be able to use its empty chair again soon. Its honorary citizen, Zakhar Zunshine, and his wife are expected to be permitted to leave for Israel next month. Zunshine, a 36-year-old physics and math teacher, from Riga, Latvia, has been serving a 3-year labor camp sentence for "defaming the Soviet state."

In April of last year, cities across Canada named different Refuseniks honorary citizens under a BB project. Garvis said BB is asking the other Montreal suburbs which took part last year to also set aside an empty chair in the council chambers.

St. Laurent's Refusenik is Aleksandr Yampolsky of Leningrad, who received his first refusal in 1973. Vladimir Prestin, who was adopted by Outremont, has been waiting to leave since 1970.

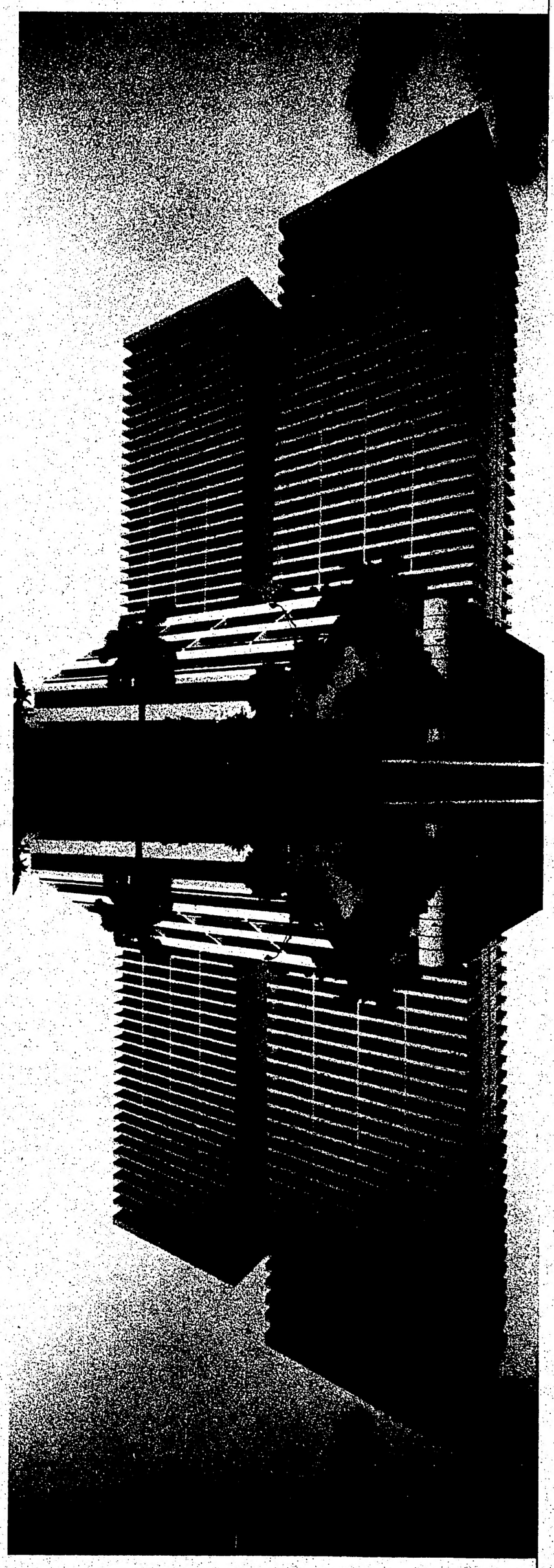
India says no

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

After weeks of conflicting messages, the Indian government has advised Israel that it would not grant visas to Israeli players to participate in the upcoming table tennis championship tournament in New Delhi.

The message was conveyed by the Table Tennis Federation of India (TIFI) to the Israel Table Tennis Association.

India refused to allow the Israelis to come to the Ninth Asian Games in New Delhi in 1982 or to compete in the world table tennis championships in Calcutta in 1975.



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The Beth Jacob Teachers' Institute, Jerusalem, educates 2600 under one roof

One of the Seminar classes in session

Computers Department

Graphics Department

Seminar Orchestra performing at assembly

On a hillside in Northern Jerusalem, a three-winged building of impressive proportions houses the Beth Jacob Girls' Seminary of Jerusalem. Inside, one is immediately struck by the force of a dynamic, spirited atmosphere. An inspiring blend of sincerity, modesty, ambition, sense of purpose and joy of learning pervades the corridors. "Man's search for meaning" fosters no frustrations here.

1936-1986

The Beth Jacob Seminary of Jerusalem was founded in 1936 by Rabbi Pinchas Lewin, renowned scholar, statesman and educator. Today it comprises a high school, with academic and vocational departments – and a Teachers' Training College, with a special section for overseas students. With some **twenty-six hundred students,** taught by over **two hundred instructors,** the school's premises are sorely in need of expansion. A plethora of partitions is judiciously dispersed throughout the building, sectioning-off all available corners for extra classrooms, offices, laboratories. In response to a comment, questioning the legality of housing the school's library in the shelter, Rabbi Binem Lewin the present dean, responds with a telling shrug of his shoulders and a smile, and says: "Do we have a choice?"

Beth Jacob Teachers' Institute

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- Teachers' training college
- Network of vocational high schools throughout Israel
- One year teacher-training programme for overseas students
- Department of computers and graphics
- Extra-curricular community service programme

Responsibility to the Community

"As the prime facility for higher girls' education serving the mainstream of Jerusalem's staunchly religious Jewish communities, the Seminary has played, and continues to play, an historic role," posits Rabbi Lewin. "On principle, we have always pursued our ends quietly, away from the public limelight. Yet, it is a fact that the impact of the Beth Jacob of Jerusalem has been profound and enormous. The broad vision and unshakable faith which have nurtured the Seminary's development have made it a major, constructive force, guiding and promoting the growth and ongoing adjustment of Jerusalem's Old Yishuv and immigrant religious communities in turbulent times of incessant change. The trust of many thousands of families, over three or four generations, is our mandate – and we have consistently lived up to that trust."

The Founder, Rabbi P. Lewin ז"ל

From the four corners of the world to the centre: Israel

The institution is not restricted to one particular stream of Judaism. Rabbi Lewin is a follower of the Gerrer Rebbe; Mr. Yekutiel Friedner, Ms. Dena Shapira and Ms. Myriam Dissin, assistants to the Dean, are of German, Eastern Europe, and American origin, respectively

The student body consists of Israelis of Ashkenazi or Sephardi background, and of students from Europe, America, and Russia. English is the common language within the walls. The school, one of the many divisions of which is a one-year teacher-training programme for overseas students, fosters aliya and love of Israel.

"Devotion and harmony are hallmarks of the school," says Mr. Friedner. "One feeds the other. The exemplary concern shown by our teachers for the needs of each individual student, and the devotion of our students to their common purpose and common heritage, are such that ethnic integration is simply not a problem. Daughters of advantaged and disadvantaged families aspire together to the same high standards of achievement."

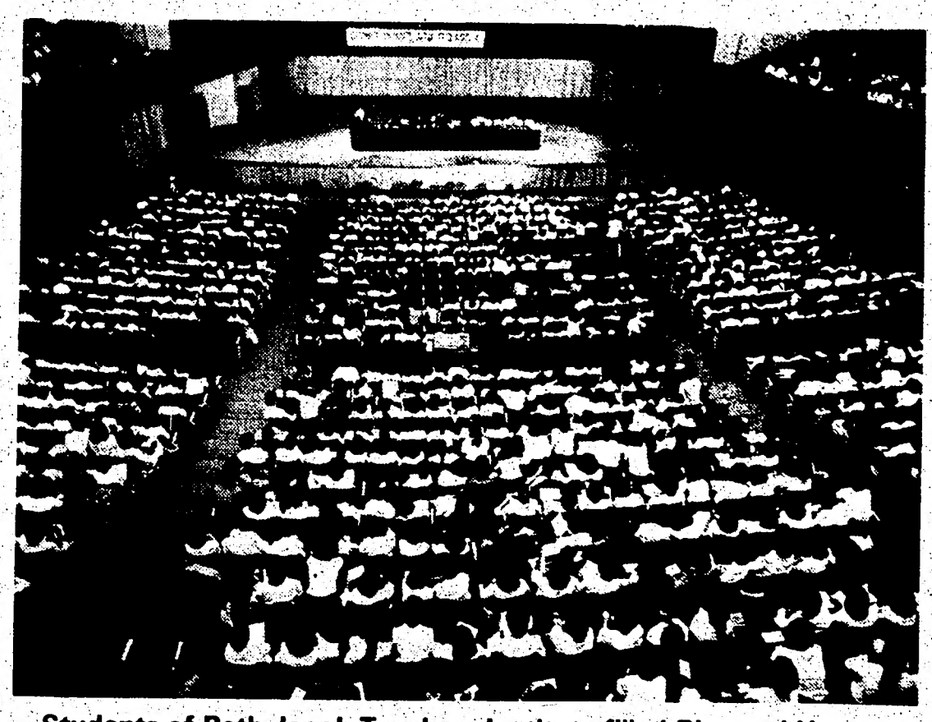
Educational Objectives

What are the educational objectives of the Seminary? Ms. Shapira replies without hesitation. "We believe that women are the backbone of society. This is as true in the general social sense as it is in the religious context. The faith and moral fibre, confidence and resilience, determination and motivation of a community – indeed of a people – depend largely on the quality of its women. Ms. Dissin adds,

"Accordingly, our overall objective is to build the characters of our students, so that they still continue to bring strength to our society in its contemporary circumstances. Specifically, this means preparing them to function effectively as creative citizens, by achieving proficiency in modern techniques and disciplines, while drawing spiritual fortitude, direction and purpose from the age-old wellsprings of classical Judaism. Hence, our programmes, cover a wide range of studies and technical training courses, including the usual curricula of sciences and humanities – and such specializations as graphics, computer sciences, special education, etc. – together with comprehensive Judaic studies."

Past, Present and Future

Adds the dean, again with a view to the historical process: "The Beth Jacob policy of teaching religious girls secular as well as religious studies – a major educational innovation when it was pioneered by Mrs. Sarah Shnirrer in Cracow, and by Rabbi Pinchas Lewin in Jerusalem – has amply proven its worth. Our alumni having their roots set deep in the past, their sensibilities attuned to the present and their creative powers focussed on the future, are – collectively and individually – a credit to their communities, by virtue of their wholesome, well-integrated personalities."



Students of Beth Jacob Teachers Institute filled Binyanei Hauma, Jerusalem's Convention hall in preparation for Rosh Hashana

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MKs Abba Eban, Yossi Sarid appear

Israelis' interviews on Jordan TV to be probed

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Premier Yitzhak Shamir said last week that he would order an investigation into interviews given recently by four Israelis to Jordan Television. Two are Knesset members, Abba Eban and Yossi Sarid.

Shamir told a meeting of cabinet ministers that the investigation would find out whether Jordan television has a representative in Israel and if Israelis who appear on Jordan television are contravening the law.

Eban, a former Labor foreign minister and currently chairman of the Knesset's foreign affairs and security committee, has been accused by rightwing and nationalist activists of "consorting with the enemy." He was interviewed for the Hebrew-language news service of Amman Television by an Arab journalist from Haifa.

It was conducted at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem because the journalist was not allowed in the Knesset building.

Eban told Israel Radio that he thought it was important for Jordanian viewers to learn of Israel's official viewpoint on current issues as well as those of the opposition. Sarid, of the Citizens Rights Movement (CRM), is an opposition MK.

Eban flatly rejected Gush Emunim lawyer Elyakim Haetzni's accusations that he violated the ban on contacts with the enemy. Haetzni and others have demanded the arrest of Ziad Darwish, a freelance Arab journalist from Acre who has been conducting the interviews with prominent Israelis.

Darwish employs the camera crews of an international news service for his reports from Israel. They are sent to Jordan via Cyprus after passing through Israeli military censorship.

Amman Television's Hebrew service program is widely viewed in Israel. Eban offered to be interviewed in Arabic, which he speaks fluently, to get his message across to the Jordanians. But the interviewer preferred Hebrew.

Eban responded to questions about an international conference for Middle East peace. He said Israel did not perceive such a conference as an end in itself but was prepared to go along if that was the only framework for peace negotiations acceptable to the Arabs.

Pollard sentence March 4

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Sentencing for Jonathan Pollard, a former U.S. Navy civilian intelligence analyst who has pleaded guilty to spying for Israel, which was to have taken place last week, has been postponed until March 4.

The delay was at the request of the lawyers for Pollard, who could be sentenced to a maximum of life imprisonment. Also to be sentenced is his wife, Anne Henderson Pollard, who has pleaded guilty to conspiring to receive embezzled government property. She faces up to 10 years in prison.

Both Pollards entered their pleas last June before Chief Judge Aubrey Robinson Jr. of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Pollard has been in federal prison in Petersburg, Va., while his wife has been free on bail.

While Pollard has admitted to receiving $2,500 for his espionage activities, he has maintained in interviews and a letter to a Boston doctor that he is a "loyal son" of Israel and acted when he discovered that a "new generation of ultra-sophisticated military equipment" was going to the Arab countries without Israel being told about this new danger to its security.

Meanwhile, it was reported that the justice department may move against four Israelis implicated in the Pollard espionage, which Israel has officially called a "renegade" operation.

The justice department has reportedly told Avi Sella, a senior Israel Air Force commander, who was identified as Pollard's first "handler," that he may be indicted.

The justice department is also planning to revoke diplomatic immunity from three other Israelis involved with Pollard — Rafael Eitan, a former terrorism advisor to Israeli premiers; Joseph Yagur, a former science consul at the Israeli consulate in New York, and Irit Erb, a former secretary at the Israel embassy here.

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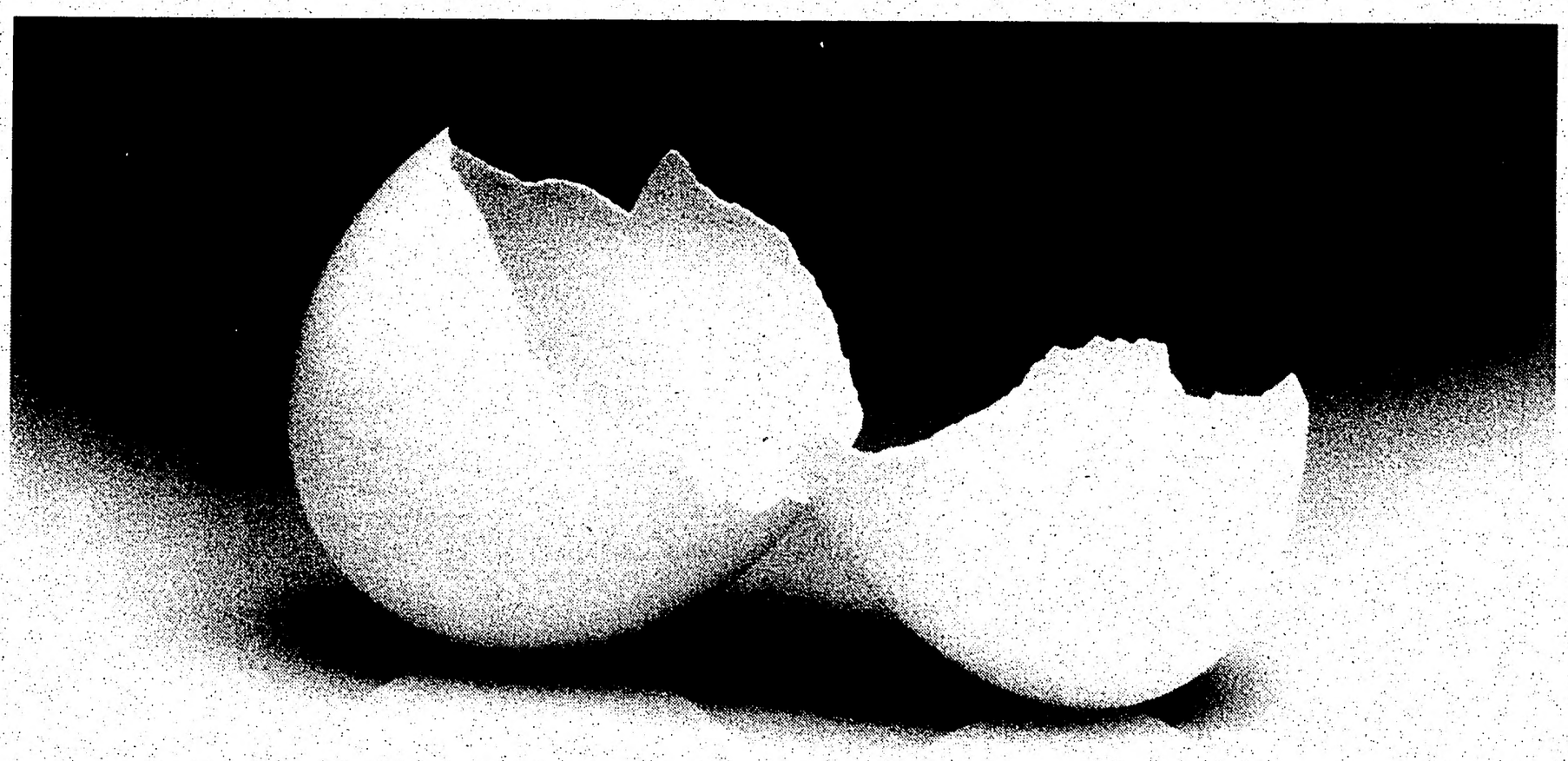

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Editorial

Dream in danger

In his recent magisterial biography of Chaim Weizmann (Viking) author Norman Rose points out that the first President of the State of Israel was also the man who first promoted the idea of a Hebrew University.

Although the idea was discussed at the first Zionist Congress in Basel in 1897 it was not until Weizmann began to lobby effectively on behalf of the idea in 1901 that it began to gain support.

Weizmann's dream was realized in 1925 when the Hebrew University was inaugurated and the Weizmann Institute itself completed his farsighted vision.

Today, however, it appears that Weizmann's dream is in dire peril. According to the New York Times (Feb. 8) the Hebrew University of Jerusalem is on the brink of economic disaster.

While all Israeli universities are suffering from various economic perturbations, the plight of Hebrew U is more serious than the other institutions. Last September it was discovered that the accumulated deficit of the university had reached $60 million.

The turmoil at the Hebrew U has been reflected in the resignations of both the president and the director-general of the institution.

Yoram Ben-Porath, vice-rector of the university, believes that the institution's current crisis comes mainly from government underfunding.

In order to cut costs and reduce its deficits Hebrew U has been letting faculty go and trimming the basic educational needs and facilities. The effort has only made a small dent in the deficit.

The Hebrew University, along with Israel's other universities have been the pride and joy of the Jewish state. Its faculty and graduates have given the country the leading edge in the humanities, technology and science.

The Israeli government has no choice but to increase its funding formula for the Hebrew University.

Weizmann's dream must not be allowed to wither.

A recrudescence

Self-criticism is an admirable trait but when pushed to extremes it bespeaks an unhealthy masochism.

This dictum comes to mind in reflecting on the number of plays in Israel and elsewhere which engage in odious portraitures of Jews, Judaism and Israel.

That genre, which goes back to *The Merchant of Venice*, seems to be enjoying a recrudescence in our own days — and the pity for it.

It began a few years ago when the eminent English critic George Steiner wrote a bizarre fictional work about Adolf Hitler being found in a remote part of South America.

In his book Steiner has Hitler defending his own exterminationist racial practises by quoting from portions of the Pentateuch where the Israelites are commanded to exterminate the indigenous population of Palestine.

The devil, of course, can always quote Scripture.

There is little biblical material in *The Last Secular Jew*, a play which is the subject of much controversy in Israel today.

Written, it is claimed, by a religious Jew, the play describes a time in the future when all of Israel has been taken over by right wing religious extremist elements who create a Khomeini-like regime in which religious coercion is the order of the day.

In the play everyone has been forced to bend to the religious dictates of the state, save one man, "the last secular Jew," — whom the religious authorities are pursuing!

The depiction of an extreme form of Orthodox Judaism in the play is hardly one calculated to inspire respect for any form of Judaism, Orthodox or otherwise.

The third in the trilogy of anti-Jewish plays now making the rounds is also the subject of controversy in that its premiere in London, England was cancelled.

Called *Perdition* and composed by an anti-Zionist Jewish Trotskyite, the play purports to describe a Zionist conspiracy in the destruction of Hungarian Jews. It has been called by a Jewish historian in England one of the vilest anti-semitic vehicles in recent times.

It is indeed regretable that the dramatic arts in Israel and elsewhere have been called into the service of caricatured images of Jews, Judaism and Zionism.

Trotskyist's work slammed

"Anti-semitic" play cancelled

THE JEWISH WORLD

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

British playwright Jim Allen, a self-avowed Trotksyist who makes no secret of his antipathy for Zionism, has dredged up a wartime controversy that became a major issue in an Israeli election some 30 years ago.

Allen's play, *Perdition*, was scheduled to begin a 4-week run at the Royal Court Theatre in London. But *Perdition*, based loosely on the desperate attempts of Hungarian Jewish leaders to save Jewish lives, never saw the light of day, having been cancelled only 24 hours before the first preview was set to be staged.

Critics say the play, whose cancellation was described by Allen as "an absolutely disgraceful form of censorship," is historically inaccurate and casts aspersions on Jews and Zionism.

Martin Gilbert, the noted biographer of Sir Winston Churchill and Anatoly Scharansky, read the script and found 45 inaccuracies. David Cesarani, a specialist in Jewish history who read it two years ago, claims *Perdition* is not only "factual nonsense," but "more importantly resonates with deep anti-semitic accusations."

Zionists depicted as collaborators with the Nazis

Perdition, which depicts Zionist leaders as collaborators with the Nazis in the mass destruction of Hungarian Jewry, takes the form of a trial in London in 1967 in which a Jewish journalist, Ruth Kaplan, accuses Miklos Yaron, a former Zionist leader, of having worked hand in glove with the Nazis in the great roundup of Jews in 1944.

The stage trial is a carbon copy of a famous libel case in Israel in which Rudolf Kastner (Yaron) sued Malkiel Grunwald (Kaplan) of making similar accusations.

A cause celebre in Israel in the 1950s, the Kastner case began when Grunwald published a pamphlet which accused Kastner, then the editor of a Hungarian-language newspaper in Tel Aviv published by the ruling Mapai Party, of having hastened the destruction of the Jews of Hungary.

Since Kastner was technically an Israeli government employee, the attorney general issued a writ of indictment against Grunwald. The closely-watched case took a turn against Kastner when a judge accepted most of Grunwald's accusations. In response, the Israeli cabinet instructed the attorney general to lodge an appeal, a decision that caused grumbling among General Zionists, members of the coalition government, and much acrimonious debate in the 1955 election campaign.

Despite all this, the attorney general submitted the appeal. In 1958, the Supreme Court found that Grunwald had slandered Kastner.

Kastner was not around to savor his vindication. A year earlier, a young man from Tel Aviv, convinced that Kastner was a traitor to his own people, shot and killed him in the street.

Rudolf Kastner

Born in Cluj in 1906, Kastner moved to Budapest after Cluj, a city in the province of Transylvania which had been part of Romania, was annexed by Hungary.

As soon as he arrived in Budapest, he joined the Zionist Rescue Committee, whose objective was to save as many Jews under Nazi occupation as possible. Kastner, the deputy head of the Hungarian Zionist Organization, worked with Joel Brand, who had opened discussions with the Germans on a plan whereby Germany would receive trucks and various goods for its war effort in exchange for Jews.

Brand, who had begun these negotiations with Adolf Eichmann, went to Istanbul to discuss it with leaders of the Jewish Agency. Brand's mission was an abysmal failure. Britain, the mandatory power in Palestine, viewed him in a negative light and refused to let key Jewish negotiators go to neutral Turkey. Brand decided to meet them in Palestine, but he never reached his destination. He was arrested in Aleppo, Syria, and taken to Cairo, where he was detained on suspicion of being a Nazi spy. Clearly, the British wanted nothing to do with a scheme, whether halfbaked or not, that would have enabled hard-pressed Germany to obtain scarce supplies that could well have prolonged the war.

Needless to say, they were not overly concerned with the fate of Hungarian Jews, hundreds of thousands of whom perished in the Holocaust.

Joel Brand

The long and short of it was that Kastner took Brand's place after his detention by the British. In the period from August of 1944 and April of 1944, Kastner traveled between Hungary, Germany and Switzerland in an attempt to mitigate the slaughter of Hungarian Jewry. In a gesture of "goodwill," Eichmann released 1,700 Jews and allowed them to travel to safety in Switzerland. He also sent another 18,000 Jews bound for Auschwitz to a farm in Austria where they would be "put on ice" in anticipation of a future exchange. The majority of these captives survived the war.

In *Perdition*, the story is presented very differently.

Kastner (Yaron) is portrayed as a man who wants to save only a "few" privileged Jews, Zionists, and who betrays all the other Jews by keeping them in ignorance of the fate that awaits them in Polish concentration camps.

The rescue of the 18,000 is not mentioned.

Stephen Roth, director of the Institute of Jewish Affairs and chairman of the Zionist Federation in Britain, participated in the rescue effort during the war. In a piece in the Jewish Chronicle, he claims that Allen's play is one-sided, a diatribe against Zionism.

"I could provide a long list of factual inaccuracies," he writes. "They would not be important in a play which did not concern itself with real historical events, but they are serious in a work which aims at documenting the ideology and practice of Zionism and the history of the (Holocaust) in a literary form.

"The author has let the demands of his political ideology override the need to get his facts right..."

According to Roth, "the libel case against Yaron which Allen puts on the London stage becomes a libel against all those who lived through, fought and mostly perished in the Holocaust. It is not Zionism which stands accused, but the playwright himself."

Alllen, who says he is pro-Jewish, does not regard *Perdition* as a travesty, and he is reportedly looking for another theatre to stage it.

Ken Loach, the director, says it will be staged, sooner or later.

The scandal surrounding *Perdition* is similar to one that enveloped a West German play, *Garbage, the City of Death*, in 1985.

That production, which was written by the late Rainer Werner Fassbinder, raised a storm of protest for its depiction of an unsavory Jewish character, and was canned.

EICHMANN'S INTERROGATOR

Avner Less conducted the pre-trial interrogation of Eichmann, the Nazi who planned and implemented the destruction of the Hungarian Jewish community.

He died in Zurich last month, at the age of 70.

In 1983, I interviewed Less in Toronto, and he told me that Eichmann was a devious, cunning, highly intelligent and resourceful person. Less, then a captain in the Israeli police, was chosen to cross-examine him because he spoke German fluently and could maintain his composure.

Avner Less

Less, who wrote a book about his experience, did his job well. Three thousand pages of transcripts were produced and they helped Gideon Hausner, the prosecutor, immensely in nailing Eichmann.

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Court recognizes importance of racial, religious harmony

Zundel verdict validated use of "false news" law

Four months after it heard arguments about the validity of the emotional and controversial trial of Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel, The Ontario Court of Appeal quashed his conviction and ordered a new trial. The court's unanimous decision, though subject to a further appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada, answered several questions about legal remedies available to tackle anti-Jewish propagandists, as this analysis by MANUEL PRUTSCHI, national director of community relations of Canadian Jewish Congress, points out.

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The Court of Appeal has ruled Section 177 of the Criminal Code — the "false news" section — constitutional.

Canadian Jewish Congress, for years before the passage of the hate law (Section 281) in 1970, looked towards the "false news" law as a possible instrument against group defamation. Congress made various representations to government to amend the law so that it incorporates intergroup harmony as a public interest to be protected by the law.

In the Zundel case, the Crown charged Zundel with publishing false statements about the Holocaust — statements he knew to be false and that are "likely to cause mischief to the public interest in social and racial tolerance."

Now, as a result of the Ontario Court of Appeal decision, a High Court, for the first time, expressly has recognized that racial and religious harmony is a component of the public interest. Furthermore, the court has said that such harmony not only merits nurturing and protection in the Criminal Code but that it is important that publications which are an assault on such harmony be criminally prosecuted.

The court has indicated that freedom of expression is a vital freedom, and that vigorous debate in the free market place of ideas is crucial to the determination of truth. However, it states categorically that the marketplace must only be open to those who bring to it ideas honestly believed in and a genuine desire to arrive at truth. The marketplace is not open to those of malicious intent who bring to it deliberate lies. To quote the court judgment:

Spreading falsehoods knowingly is the antithesis of seeking truth through the free exchange of ideas.

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The court ordered a new trial. It did so for one major and overriding reason — the lack of clarity on the jury's part about a key element in the indictment.

The law specifies that for an accused to be found guilty, it must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt that he knew that the material he was disseminating was false.

In the trial, all parties (the Crown, the defence, the judge) reduced this requirement to the issue of whether Zundel "honestly believed" that the Holocaust was a hoax or whether there was in Zundel "an absence of honest belief" on this question. Furthermore the judge in his charge, and more so in his recharge to the jury, basically explained the law's requirement of knowledge in the terms I have outlined.

However, the court itself, and I must stress that the defence never raised this as a ground of appeal, has found that the law demanded a standard of proof one significant notch higher than "absence of honest belief" — this higher notch being "guilty knowledge."

The court indicates that between "honest beliefs" on the one hand and "guilty knowledge" on the other there are a number of gradations regarding an accused's attitude vis-a-vis his publication of false materials, including:

- Honest belief.
- Negligence — not sufficiently inquiring as to the truth or falsity of the material.
- Indifference — not caring as to whether the material was true or false.
- Recklessness — not caring as to the material's falsity and indifferent to the consequences arising therefrom.
- Guilty knowledge.

In the court's view, the law only criminalizes "guilty knowledge." The fact that throughout the trial, "absence of honest belief" and "guilty knowledge" were dealt with as synonymous was deemed by the court as possibly highly prejudicial to the accused and it is on this ground, this overriding ground, that it has ordered a new trial.

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The Court of Appeal, in its judgment, spends considerable time explicating and defining the law. Now, the very process of defining a law involves a narrowing of its boundaries but at one and the same time it shows, to me at least, that those doing the defining believe that the law is usable.

In explicating the law, the court indirectly choreographs how a successful prosecution might go. To prove "guilty knowledge" one doesn't necessarily have to produce a snapshot taken from the inside of the accused's head — though that certainly would be a clincher.

Manuel Prutschi

Evidence can be adduced from which a jury could infer guilty knowledge. For instance, the accused's beliefs could play a part in that. And the court upheld the Crown's right to have cross-examined Zundel on his various writings as well as his pro-Nazi and pro-Hitler sympathies. The unreasonableness of the accused's belief would be another factor.

The court also goes out of its way to point out that, though no one thought of it at the trial, "guilty knowledge" and "wilful blindness" are one and the same. Citing another judgment, it states that:

. . . wilful blindness arises where a person who has become aware of the need for some inquiry declines to make the inquiry because he does not wish to know the truth.

The reference, I think, is clearly to Zundel who, in regards to his beliefs about the Holocaust, went only to Holocaust denial sources either to confirm a belief he already held or in hindsight to provide backup for that belief — but at no time has he ever consulted with any genuineness or seriousness normative writings on the Holocaust.

During the trial the Crown twice asked that judicial notice of the Holocaust be taken and it was twice refused. (This legal principle allows a court to dispense with proof of an event that is common knowledge). In the view of trial Judge Hugh Locke, because Zundel's Holocaust denial publication "Did Six Million Really Die?" was the one that was being prosecuted, in a very real sense the truth or falsity of the Holocaust regretably was one of the central points at issue.

Since, as a principal and crucial right to the defence, it was open to the accused to raise a reasonable doubt about the Holocaust's truth, Judge Locke felt that taking judicial notices would automatically close off to the accused that right, and would in effect deprive him of a full answer in defence.

At the appeal, the Crown asked that Judge Locke be found in error for his rulings on judicial notice. The Ontario Courts of Appeal found that Judge Locke rightly exercised his discretion in turning down judicial notice — but, interestingly, not for the same reason that Locke did.

The Ontario Court of Appeal again goes back to what it clearly has regarded as the crucial element in the indictment — proof of "guilty knowledge." In the court's view, taking judicial notice would have been tantamount to declaring to the jury that Zundel's belief in the falsity of the Holocaust was totally unreasonable. The accused would then have been significantly precluded from any attempt to show the reasonableness of his belief, and this would have played an important role in the jury's assessment of the accused's guilty knowledge. According to the Court of Appeal, evidence of the Holocaust's truth had to be presented and, without in any way directing the jury, the jury could then legitimately draw inferences about the unreasonableness of the accused's belief.

It would seem that the unlikelihood of judicial notice being taken in a Zundel prosecution under Section 177 has been reinforced.

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Problems with jury selection is the second main point why a retrial was ordered, though it was significantly less important than the issue of guilty knowledge. The justices felt that the questions defence counsel sought to ask were improper and the judge was right in disallowing them.

However, they add that there was an obligation on the judge's part nonetheless to have indicated that defence counsel could rephrase some of the questions to determine the impartiality of jurors. In the Court of Appeal's view, that the defence got to ask no questions in jury selection might well have prejudiced Zundel's right to a fair trial.

The justice found other errors which would not have led on their own to a call for a new trial. These included a finding that a film on Nazi concentration camps should not have been allowed in, because the accompanying narrative was hearsay. Also, a number of photos, models, and German books that Zundel wanted to introduce should have been allowed — not because they went to the truth of the Holocaust but because they went to Zundel's belief.

Judge's question destroyed bigots' position

More thoughts on Wolf property case

EDWARD RICHMOND, a London, Ont., lawyer, comments on Ben Kayfetz's article on the late Bernard Wolf and his role in the law case that brought an end to racial restrictive provisions in property transactions (CJN Jan. 22). Differing with his friend Kayfetz, Richmond says the issue of "uncertainty" about who is a Jew was not the only basis on which the Supreme Court of Canada struck down this odious practice.

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Bernard Wolf had bought a summer home in the Beach O'Pines area in Grand Bend, Ont., from Annie Maud Noble in 1948. However, difficulties soon arose in that a covenant was found barring Jews from such a purchase. Both Noble and Wolf wanted to get the matter cleaned up to prevent any invalidation of the sale.

As a young lawyer just out of law school, I was Wolf's lawyer who searched the title to the home in the Beach O'Pines area which barred persons of the Jewish or Negro race or blood from owning, renting, or occupying any land in the Beach O'Pines. I was involved in this case from beginning to end and have a clear memory of its progress through the courts.

Climate seemed much different in High Court

At the very outset, when it became clear that the Beach O'Pines Protective Association had engaged a prominent Toronto lawyer to block the transaction, we retained John Cartwright, who was then one of the leading counsel in Ontario, later to become the Chief Justice of Canada, and he accepted the retainer to act for Wolf and for the vendor Annie Maud Noble without hesitation.

As Ben Kayfetz states, Mr. Justice Walter Schroeder upheld the covenant and the case went to the Court of Appeal with John Cartwright acting as our leading counsel and joined by the late Shirley Denison, who specialized in property law.

I shall always remember the argument in the Ontario Court of Appeal and I agree with Ben that the climate was clearly against us. The Court of Appeal gave Norman Borins a rough time and I also recall one of the appeal judges wondering out loud why this covenant was being attacked when it seemed to be an innocent attempt by a group of summer residents in a summer colony to ensure that their neighbors would be congenial.

In that atmosphere, all five judges of the Court of Appeal were unanimous in dismissing our appeal.

Now I must correct an error in Ben's story. It is true that before the appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada could be heard, Cartwright was appointed to that Court and obviously could no longer be involved. However, it was not the late Gershom Mason who was our leading counsel before the Supreme Court of Canada. It was John Robinette who made a superb presentation to the Court, accompanied by Shirley Denison.

The climate in the Supreme Court of Canada before the seven judges who heard the case in June, 1950, was drastically different from what we experienced in the Ontario Court of Appeal. The judges seemed to be much more sympathetic to our submissions.

I recall that when counsel for the Beach O'Pines Association was arguing that if this sale were permitted, his clients feared that their property would depreciate in value, Mr. Justice Ivan Rand responded that if persons such as Albert Einstein or Artur Rubinstein were to purchase cottages in the Beach O'Pines, members of the Beach O'Pines Association should be honored to have them as neighbors.

He then posed a question to counsel for the Beach O'Pines Association which I shall always remember for its dramatic impact and which, as far as I was concerned, destroyed the case for supporting the restrictive covenant.

The question he asked was this: Suppose a Gentile buys a cottage in the Beach O'Pines, he not being in any way restricted by the covenant, and suppose he then marries a Jewess. Suppose they have no children and he dies without a will leaving his widow as his only next-of-kin.

Since Ontario has a statute which states that in such circumstances ownership of the property of the deceased devolves to his next-of-kin, how then can this restrictive covenant prevent the Jewess widow from becoming by the law of Ontario the owner of the Beach O'Pines property?

Covenants can't stipulate who shall use land

This really exploded the case of the Beach O'Pines Association.

I agree with Ben that the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that the covenant was void for uncertainty. In fact, this issue was raised by us from the very beginning when we stated to the Court that Bernard Wolf "might be considered to be a person of the Jewish race of blood." But as I have indicated, the issue of uncertainty was not the only basis on which the Supreme Court of Canada struck down the covenant.

Shirley Denison argued successfully that this type of covenant cannot attach itself to land or, as lawyers put it, run with the land. Covenants that attach to land can stipulate how the land is to be used or not used but they cannot stipulate who shall use the land.

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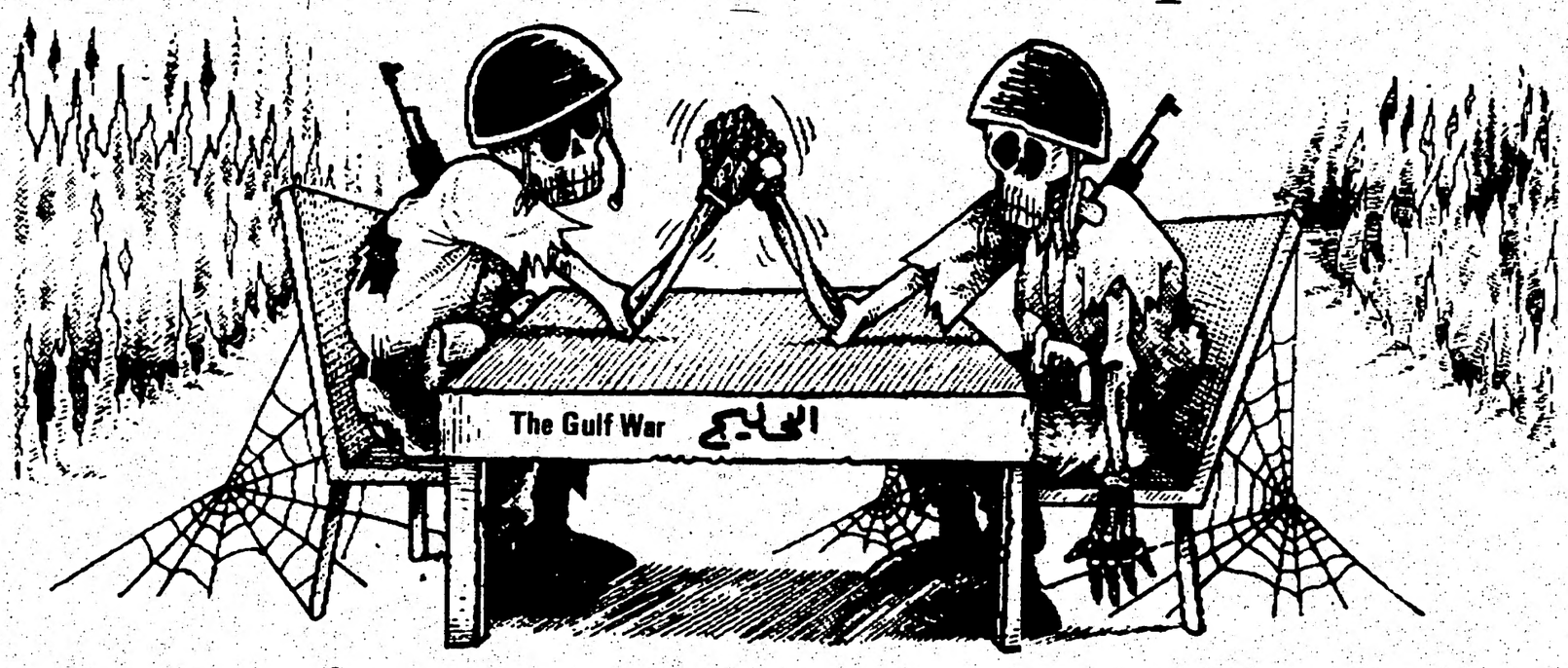
I share fully Ben's comments about the contribution that Bernard Wolf made in the case that bears his name and which is now part of Canadian legal history.

Opinion

Stalemate not mourned in Washington or Moscow

Superpowers fan the flames of Iran-Iraq war

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER



Cartoon in Al-Quds, an Arabic newspaper in Jerusalem, about the Gulf War.

For the past 2½ months, Iran and Iraq have been locked in the bitterest fighting of the Gulf War, now in its seventh year.

Iran's attempt to break the back of Iraq's army by taking the southern Iraqi city of Basra has not succeeded so far. Iran, having thrown several hundred thousand troops into the battle, has been able to advance only a short distance into Iraq, suffering severe casualties in the process.

Iraq, in fending off Iran's offensive, has been terribly bloodied. By way of retaliation, the Iraqi Air Force has struck Iranian cities ferociously, killing numerous civilians.

The latest battles of this protracted war have given Iran a psychological advantage over Iraq, but probably no more than that. Iran, as a result of piecemeal victories since 1982, occupies Iraqi territory, yet Iran seems incapable of actually winning the war. Iraq is likewise in no position to turn the tide of the war — the bloodiest the Middle East has ever seen.

The stalemate is not mourned either in the U.S. or the Soviet Union. Washington and Moscow, for all their pious declarations about the need to end the conflict, have not acted accordingly. In truth, the two superpowers have fanned the flames of the war, which have devastated sectors of Iran's and Iraq's economy.

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In Washington, the official line is unambiguous. Charles Redman, the state department spokesman, enunciated it clearly on Dec. 15, 1986. "We seek the earliest possible end to the war, without victor or vanquished, and with the sovereignty and territorial integrity of both Iran and Iraq intact," he said. "We welcome constructive diplomatic efforts for a settlement. We don't sell arms to either side, nor do we allow transfers by others of U.S.-sourced or licenced arms to either side."

In reality, American policy is far more complex, partly because U.S. decision-makers are not of one mind about the war.

There is no convincing evidence whatsoever that the U.S. is interested in a quick political solution, and, as the Iran-Contra scandal proves, American weaponry has found its way, via Israel, to the battle front.

Furthermore, the Reagan administration has not made any recognizable effort to dissuade countries like France and the Soviet Union to stop the shipment of planes, missiles, tanks, artillery and munitions to Iraq.

As far as its official policy toward the war is concerned, the U.S. is manifestly neutral. In practice, however, it tilts slightly toward Iraq, with whom it reestablished diplomatic relations in 1984 after an hiatus of 17 years.

Most obviously, Washington has helped Iraq by urging other states not to sell arms to Iran. That policy, until very recently, worked. Its collapse was signalled by revelations that the U.S. sent anti-aircraft missiles and anti-tank missiles to Iran in a bid to gain the release of American hostages being held in Lebanon by pro-Iranian Shiite radicals.

It transpires that Secretary of State George Shultz, the chief foreign policy formulator, knew relatively little about that operation and that he was opposed to it in any event. He failed to convince President Ronald Reagn that U.S. arms transfers to Iran — which the Reagan administration classifies as a terrorist state — would violate the letter and spirit of American policy.

Long before the Iran-Contra scandal broke, the Americans were also assisting Iraq by providing Baghdad with substantial financial credits for its hard-pressed economy.

And the Reagan administration shared limited intelligence data with Iraq on the deployment of the Iranian army. But the information, obtained by satellites, was deliberately distorted. Iraq's deputy prime minister claimed last month that these misleading reports enabled Iran to capture the strategic Fao peninsula, near Basra, in 1986. He said the inaccurate information was part of a "premeditated design" by the U.S. to prolong the war — an assessment that is not without foundation.

This hardly means that Washington was cozying up to Iran, with which it has no formal relations. In 1983, the National Security Council — the agency that planned and implemented the secret airlift of arms to Iran — suggested in a study that an Iranian triumph would represent a considerable setback to U.S. interests in the area.

Washington's basic view has not changed since then. Secretary of State Shultz said recently that Iran was "the principal recalcitrant party" in the Gulf War and "to the extent that Iran's military capabilities can be reduced, that presumbly would bring them to a frame of mind where they are willing to sit down with Iraq and try to reach an agreement."

Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger put it more bluntly when, in an interview with The Washington Post in January, he declared that an Iranian victory " would be a disaster for everyone."

Washington fears that a victory by Iran could theoretically enable the forces of Iranian Islamic fundamentalism to threaten the viability of neighboring conservative Sunni Moslem states like Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. In 1986, a state department spokesman warned Iran that if it carried the war into other Persian Gulf nations, the move would be regarded as "a major threat to U.S. interests."

Iran's potential threat to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait is but only one of Washington's concerns about the Gulf War. In addition to insuring that the free flow of oil through the Strait of Hormuz is maintained, the U.S. seeks to check Soviet influence in the region.

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The Gulf War has posed enormous challenges for the Soviet Union.

Before the eruption of the war in September of 1980, Moscow was resolutely pro-Iraqi, having signed a treaty of friendship and cooperation with Iraq some years earlier.

Iran, by contrast, was firmly in the American camp, being ruled by the Pahlavi monarchy.

After Iraq's attack on Iran, Moscow tilted somewhat toward Iran, hoping to build closer relations with Teheran on the basis of a common anti-American foreign policy. Moscow, too, hoped that local left-wing parties, notably the Tudeh and the Mujahideen, would gain influence in Iran.

In this period, the Soviets temporarily cut off the flow of arms to Iraq and signed a treaty of friendship and cooperation with Iraq's ideological enemy, Syria. To Iraq's chagrin, Moscow permitted Soviet weapons to reach Iran through Syria, Libya, North Korea and Czechoslovakia.

Moscow's policy paid no dividends, for the Iranians, under the leadership of the Ayatollah Khomeini, did not desire a close relationship with the Soviet Union. The mullahs in Teheran continued to characterize Moscow as "the other Satan," the U.S. being the "great Satan." Furthermore, Iran cracked down on leftists in its midst, banning the Communist Party and purging the Mujahideen, and began to assist the Moslem rebels in Afghanistan.

These were reasons enough for Moscow to ponder its policy, but it was not until 1982, when Iran conquered Iraqi territory for the first time, that the Soviet Union reverted to its old pro-Iraqi stance.

Despite this policy reversal, the Soviets have not burned their bridges to Iran. Moscow, as U.S. Secretary of State Shultz has said, has not acted "forcefully" to stop its Arab, Asian and European allies from sending Soviet weaponry to Iran.

And, as analyst Mark Katz points out in a piece in Middle East Insight, the Soviet Union and Iran have improved their relations of late. Last summer, after a series of high-level meetings in each capital, Iran resumed the sale of natural gas to the Soviet Union.

The Soviets, their interest in Iraq notwithstanding, want to be on tolerably good terms with Iran because of its geopolitical importance. Above all, Moscow wants to ensure that Iran does not return to the American fold.

Moscow's highwire balancing act, which is hard to maintain at the best of times, has been strained ever since Iran launched its latest offensive. Concerned over Iraqi setbacks since Iran stormed into Iraq on Jan. 9, and wary of Iran's proclamation that it will fight "until victory," the Soviet Union has now blamed Teheran for continuing the war.

In the Soviets' clearest pronouncement about the war to date, Moscow's chief delegate to the United Nations recently accused Iran of being the aggressor and suggested that the Soviet Union was shipping arms to Iraq in order to keep Iran from winning.

Late last month, for the first time, the Soviets sent a warship into the Persian Gulf, and this was interpreted by observers as a warning to Iran not to interfere with Soviet shipping. (Both Iran and Iraq have bombed and sunk ships in the gulf, although neither Soviet nor American vessels have ever been hit).

Like the Americans, the Soviets fear an Iranian triumph. If a pro-Iranian Islamic fundamentalist regime is installed in Baghdad, the Soviets will lose an ally in Iraqi strongman Saddam Hussein, and may have to compete with Teheran for influence in the Middle East.

There is also the remote possibility that the idea of Islamic revolution could spread to Moslem Soviet Central Asia, with its 50 million Moslems.

Despite these factors, Moscow cannot afford to alienate Iran, which shares a long border with the Soviet Union. Iran is just too important a country for the Soviets to take for granted.

And that, essentially, is why the Soviet Union, together with the U.S., are playing a duplicitous game as the bloody Gulf War rages on.

"If you can sink them, shoot; if not, don't," said B-G

American became 1st Israel admiral

By
CARL ALPERT

HAIFA —

Observance of the 100th birthday of David Ben-Gurion has drawn from dusty archives and from faithful memories a good many hitherto unknown or forgotten stories to add to the rich archive of Ben Gurionana. We learn also of episodes in the early history of the state, which have not always been recorded in full. Such, for example, ensued from a meeting of the Haifa chapter of Hadassah, addressed not long ago by Paul Shulman. A bit of additional research on our own part helped to fill in the story.

Late in 1941, soon after the attack on Pearl Harbor, David Ben-Gurion visited the Connecticut home of a distinguished Zionist family, the Shulmans. Their young son, Paul, was on home leave from his studies at Annapolis, and made an impressive appearance in his navy cadet's uniform. The visitor from Palestine told the lad that when the Jewish state came into existence, it would have need for personnel with his training.

Paul spoke up. He expressed the wish that the new state would have a fine navy, but as for him, he was not a candidate. He had signed up in the U.S. navy, and that was to be his career.

The years went by, and the Annapolis graduate saw service against the Japanese aboard a warship in the Pacific. Upon his release he became involved in furnishing help to the underground activity for the Jewish homeland. It required a great deal of optimism to think of a Jewish navy is those days, but this was the field that Shulman knew best. He was instrumental in purchasing ships for transport of "illegal" immigrants to Palestine, but he also sized up the vessels with an eye to their possible transformation later for naval use.

The state was established, and the navy was created, a few motorboats and some of the immigrant runners. Someone was needed to organize the operation. Nobody from the kibbutzim and nobody from the cafes of Tel Aviv had any officer experience at sea, or had been through naval combat, and so Paul Shulman was named first commander-in-chief (or admiral, if you wish) of the fledgling Israel navy. This was the first time in the naval history of the United States that an officer rose in rank from lieutenant to admiral in only three years.

The early days of the world's newest naval "fleet" were marked by a considerable amount of reliance on resourcefulness, imagination and improvisation, and the results were at times precedent-shattering.

During a period in 1948, when the Arab and Israel armed forces were bound by the terms of a UN imposed truce, three ships of the Egyptian navy attempted to blockade the coast, Shulman recalled. The Israel commander received blunt instructions: "Get rid of them!" The Egyptians could not fire without violating the truce, nor could the Israelis, for the same reason.

Shulman ordered one of Israel's little ships to pull up within hailing-distance. "We shall not shoot during the truce," he shouted at the Egyptian captain, "but our men, acting as individuals, are ready to board you and engage in partisan activity!" Israeli sailors stood by, some with knives in their teeth, and others brandishing belaying pins.

The ships fled to Gaza, but Shulman and the navy followed, and set up their own blockade. Long range shore batteries opened fire, and Shulman radioed for permission to fire back. His repeated requests were each time denied, until he asked that the question be put to Ben-Gurion directly. A terse reply came back: "If you can sink them, shoot; if not, don't."

Four or five small boats, packed with explosives, were lowered. Each was manned by a single sailor who steered the craft in the direction of the enemy, who were riding at anchor. When he reached the perimeter of his safety zone, each sailor directed the "torpedo" directly at target, and activated his ejection seat, which catapulted him into the water. And that is how the Egyptian flagship, the Farouk, and two smaller ships, went down in our navy's first armed encounter.

Recruitment to the Egyptian navy dropped to nil for several months at least, Shulman commented.

One of the human torpedoes and the officer in immediate charge of the operation was Yochai Bin-Nun, who later became commander-in-chief of the navy.

When the War of Liberation was over, and military service was established on a lifetime career basis, Shulman was able to withdraw, but his year-and-a-half of service laid the groundwork for what was to follow. Since then he has contributed to the country through his engineering companies.

Opinion

"Don't try to save us," say self-exiled brethren

By
J. B. SALSBERG

MIAMI BEACH —

You will recall that in my last column I announced I was heading for this branch office of Israel to seek out our many brethren from Canada and urge them to return to our winter wonderland.

Well, I arrived here full of missionary zeal, donned a prophet's cloak and sandals and with staff in hand I set out to find our self-exiled friends. I found them alright — a mass of slumbering human forms who littered the sandy beaches of Florida.

J. B. Salsberg

Despite my best efforts, I failed to arouse them so as to engage them in meaningful conversation. All I got was grunts and mumblings. Not a word could be understood.

The best I could make of it was that they like the galut; they don't want to be saved; and that from long experience of similar situations in our history, it seemed that the galut isn't so bad.

"Leave us alone," they told me as I extolled the virtues of blizzardy Canada. "Don't try to save us."

But if that wasn't enough, they regained consciousness at night and organized themselves to completely nullify my mission. They're keeping me running from night to morning. They're keeping me on the go to divert me from my mission! Actually, I suspect they're trying to exhaust me.

What the outcome will be I can't predict — but if history is an example, they're bound to win. The galut spirit wins out . . . and I'm afraid of it.

I'll keep you informed. Meanwhile, sympathize with me.

Is there really a change in Soviet policy?

By
NEHEMIA MEYERS

The participants in last week's meeting of the International Federation of Scientists for Soviet Refuseniks in Vienna fully expected to be received and supported by the Western delegation at the European Security Conference being held in that city, and they were. But they were amazed when the Soviets also received them, and made no attempt to claim that pressure exerted on behalf of the Refuseniks was "interference in Soviet internal affairs."

While pleased by this turn of events, Weizmann Institute physicist Harry Lipkin, a member of the Israeli group in Vienna, is still not sure whether "it reflects a real change in policy or the fact that Mikhail Gorbachev understands, and practices, Western-style public relations." Meanwhile, in any case, Lipkin and his colleagues are determined to go on pressuring the Russians, using for this purpose their status and connections as scientists.

A couple of weeks ago, for example, Russian immigrant scientists in Jerusalem got a call for help from eminent Refusenik mathematician Alexander Ioffe in Moscow, who was on a hunger strike to protest the refusal of the Soviet authorities to allow his son and his son's family to leave for Israel (after earlier refusing a similar request from Ioffe himself), Ioffe asked that appeals on his behalf go to Gorbachev, Prof. Guri Ivanovich Marchuk, president of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, and Prof. Ludvig Dimitrievich Fadeev, a Leningrad savant who serves as president of the International Union of Mathematicians.

Following the translation of Ioffe's message into English by his friends in Jerusalem, it was transmitted over the phone to Lipkin in Rehovot, who, cradling the receiver to his ear, typed the plea on his computer and then sent it by electronic mail to friends and colleagues all over the world. They, in turn, cabled Gorbachev, Marchuk and Fadeev, and within hours of Ioffe's call from Moscow, Soviet officials were being petitioned by scores of scientists and scientific bodies in the Western world.

Quite possibly as a result of this campaign, Ioffe shortly thereafter temporarily stopped his hunger strike when he was promised that his son's emigration request would be given favorable consideration.

A colleague of Lipkin's also had the opportunity in recent weeks to meet with a Soviet official on the Weizmann Institute's Rehovot campus. Institute biophysicist Edward Trifonov was not seeing Prof. Nikolai Bochkov of the USSR Academy of Medical Sciences for the first time because Trifonov had begun his scientific career in Moscow and had once served on academic committees with Bochkov. Their reunion, made possible by the fact that the Soviet scientist had come here as a representative of his country's "peace movement," was cordial though guarded.

Like Lipkin, Trifonov sees positive changes in Soviet policies, including the release from internal exile of his friend and mentor Andrei Sakharov. But knowing his Russian history, Trifonov is afraid that — as in the past — a period of democratization will be followed by a period of repression. The Khruschev thaw, he points out, ended suddenly when the Daniel-Siniaysky trial opened and Soviet tanks rolled in Czechoslovakia.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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HOMOSEXUAL CLAIM IS "NONSENSE"

Re your Jan. 22 article headed "Homosexuality 'a sickness,' says the Lubavitcher Rebbe":

The article quotes the Rebbe Menachem Schneerson as saying that homosexuality is a malady calling for therapy, not political recognition.

He further opposes "any bill that proclaims that the 'right' of these people must be protected and supported" on grounds that "we are not dealing with the inalienable rights of freedom of choice . . . we are dealing with abnormality."

Upon first reading his statement I was upset that The Canadian Jewish News would see fit to publish such nonsense. For the Rebbe's pronouncements run absolutely contrary to the conclusions of modern medicine and sociology.

But, on reflection, it was probably better to expose the Rebbe. Prejudiced opinions such as his demonstrate more than anything else the need for human rights legislation to protect gay men and women — including those in the Jewish community.

Dr. Philip B. Berger
Toronto

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BIALIK REPORT MISLEADING

We wish to protest in the strongest possible terms a most misleading article regarding the Bialik Hebrew Day School in your Report on Education segment of Jan. 22.

Especially damaging and incorrect is the wording of the headline of the write-up, which gives a negative connotation to the phasing out of our grade 9 next year.

The fact is, that in spite of phasing out grade 9 in the coming school year, our registration for 1987-88 has already surpassed the current year. This surely must reflect a very positive growth and interest in our school.

The crucial information omitted in the article is that the Board of Jewish Education has notified all day schools that no grade 9 classes will be funded after 1987-88.

Therefore, several schools have seriously examined the option of phasing out their grade 9 this year or next, following which all will discontinue their grade 9.

Space does not permit a correction of several other details that appear in the article. However, one might have expected that the student project that raised $1,200 for the Israel Soldiers' Fund would have made a more positive headline.

In its 26-year history, the Bialik Hebrew Day School has established for itself a well-deserved reputation as one of the finer Jewish day schools in Canada, providing a very broad but intensive Jewish education.

We are confident that the Jewish community will not be misled by an unfortunate choice of words by a reporter who really should have been better.

J. Sokoloff
S. Harris
B. Lubek
Toronto

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SHUCKS, THANK YOU, SIR!

I do not write letters "To The Editor" too often, but since I peruse many daily and weekly publications, I must express to you my appreciation for the exceptional readability of every page of your publication, in sharp contrast to most other publications of both general or Jewish context.

Keep up the good work!

M. Shulman
Roxboro, Que.

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HE SLAMS MIZRACHI

In response to Reform Judaism's current drive to obtain more representation on the World Zionist Organization, Mizrachi has encouraged Orthodox Jews of every persuasion to become members of this organization.

Mizrachi claims that this membership drive will combat Reform innovations which are contrary to Orthodox doctrine.

However, in light of Rabbi Irwin Witty's (prominent Mizrachi leader) recent dialogue with Reform's Michael Stroh, Mizrachi is showing its true colors.

Their intent is not to fortify Orthodoxy; but rather to legitimize Reform Judaism and hence unify our people (sic).

What Mizrachi has forgotten is that our very existence as a nation is contingent upon the Torah. In a futile attempt at apologetics, this party threatens the essential nature of Judaism.

We need not reach out to organizations like Reform Judaism, whose doctrine is antithetical to our own.

We must reach out to individual Jews, regardless of their labels, with whom we share a common essence.

Jack Levy
Toronto

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FACE THE MUSIC

As executive director of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education, Rabbi Irwin Witty is a prominent member of the Orthodox Jewish community in this city.

If not for this rather public position, he would likely not have been a participant in the recent Orthodox-Reform dialogue (CJN, Jan. 22).

Yet, during that dialogue, he "stressed he was speaking only for himself."

Unfortunately, his conciliatory and dangerous remarks might be misconstrued as representative of Orthodox belief.

It is my sincere hope that Orthodox leaders in Toronto make him "face the music." Otherwise, it is the Orthodox community itself which will become more fragmented as individuals sever themselves from their supposed leaders.

Miriam Cohen
Toronto

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TORONTO, FOR SHAME!

I am writing in response to a Jan. 8 article that describes the Ben Kayfetz Scholarship Fund and its first recipient, Miriam Rubin.

I applaud the establishment of a scholarship fund to encourage and assist students pursuing modern Jewish history at the University of Toronto, and I congratulate Miriam Rubin.

What I find ironic, and in truth deplorable, in a city the size of Toronto with its large and active Jewish population, is that Miriam Rubin had to take herself and her award to Montreal, since, as the article clearly states, the University of Toronto has no graduate program in Jewish history.

I am particularly well qualified to address this issue, as I am a graduate of the MA program at McGill that Miriam has just entered.

Since my arrival in Toronto some seven years ago, I have tried to find a way to do graduate work here in Jewish history.

To my great and ongoing frustration, and, as I suggested above, to the shame of this community which has or can command a pool of scholars able to work in the field, neither the University of Toronto nor York offers graduate courses in modern Jewish history at all.

I would like to know both why and how this situation has come to pass in Toronto. Why is the Toronto Jewish community not training Jewish historians; why is it providing funds to send a scholar to Montreal instead of endowing a chair in Jewish studies in Toronto which has two universities both with large Jewish student bodies and neither with any graduate program in Jewish studies?

Mindy Avrich-Skapinker
Toronto

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FABLED CHINESE JEWS

I enjoyed Sheldon Kirshner's Jan. 22 article headed "Toronto professor visits the fabled Jews of Kaifeng."

Your readers might be interested in knowing that many of the artifacts from the ancient Chinese synagogue at Keifeng are now housed at Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum — although not always on display.

They may also be interested in knowing that the process of their assimilation in that tolerant society was vividly fictionalized in Pearl Buck's novel, *The Bondmaid.*

The factual side of the story has been authoritatively recounted in Bishop William White's University of Toronto Press book, *Chinese Jews.*

These presentations have much to offer in the ongoing discussions of the future of Jews in the Diaspora.

Dr. Irving H. Heller
Montreal

Pearl Buck's novel, The Bondmaid, fictionalized assimilation of the Chinese Jews of Kaifeng, shown here in a recent meeting in China with University of Toronto professor Irvine Glass (extreme right).

World-National

Hammer: "Doing the impossible"

Details release of Goldfarbs

LOS ANGELES —

Armand Hammer has revealed hitherto undisclosed details of his role in effecting the release of Dr. and Mrs. David Goldfarb from the Soviet Union in an address to supporters of Israel's Bar-Ilan University in Los Angeles.

The industrialist and philanthropist, who was the honorary chairman of the annual dinner of the West Coast Friends of Bar-Ilan, explained how, while discussing trade matters with Soviet officials in Moscow during last year's Reykjavik summit, he had met with Anatoly Dobrynin, the USSR's former ambassador to the United States, now secretary of the Communist Party's central committee.

"I want to take David Goldfarb back to the United States with me," he told Dobrynin.

Dobrynin responded, "That's impossible. Matters of this kind take a great amount of time to decide."

But Hammer was persistent in his demands. "You've known me for 25 years, and you know that I'm accustomed to doing the impossible," he told the Soviet official. "Why don't you try?"

A few hours later Dobrynin called and said, "Permission has been granted, providing Dr. Goldfarb wants to go and his doctors think he is well enough to travel."

Hammer immediately drove to the Vishensky Institute for Surgery where Dr. Goldfarb, who had lost a leg at the Battle of Stalingrad during World War II and was suffering from gangrene in the other, was confined to an intensive care unit. "Dr. Goldfarb, I've come to take you to the United States tomorrow. Are you ready to go?" he asked.

The longtime Refusenik's eyes filled with tears of joy as he said: "This is my dream, but can my wife go with me? I can't go without her."

This request precipitated another frantic effort to reach Dobrynin. When he was finally located late that night at his country home, Hammer told him, "Dr. Goldfarb cannot leave without his wife.

"There was a pause that seemed to last an eternity," Hammer told the Bar-Ilan dinner. "Then Dobrynin replied, 'Go ahead, you have permission to take his wife as well.' "

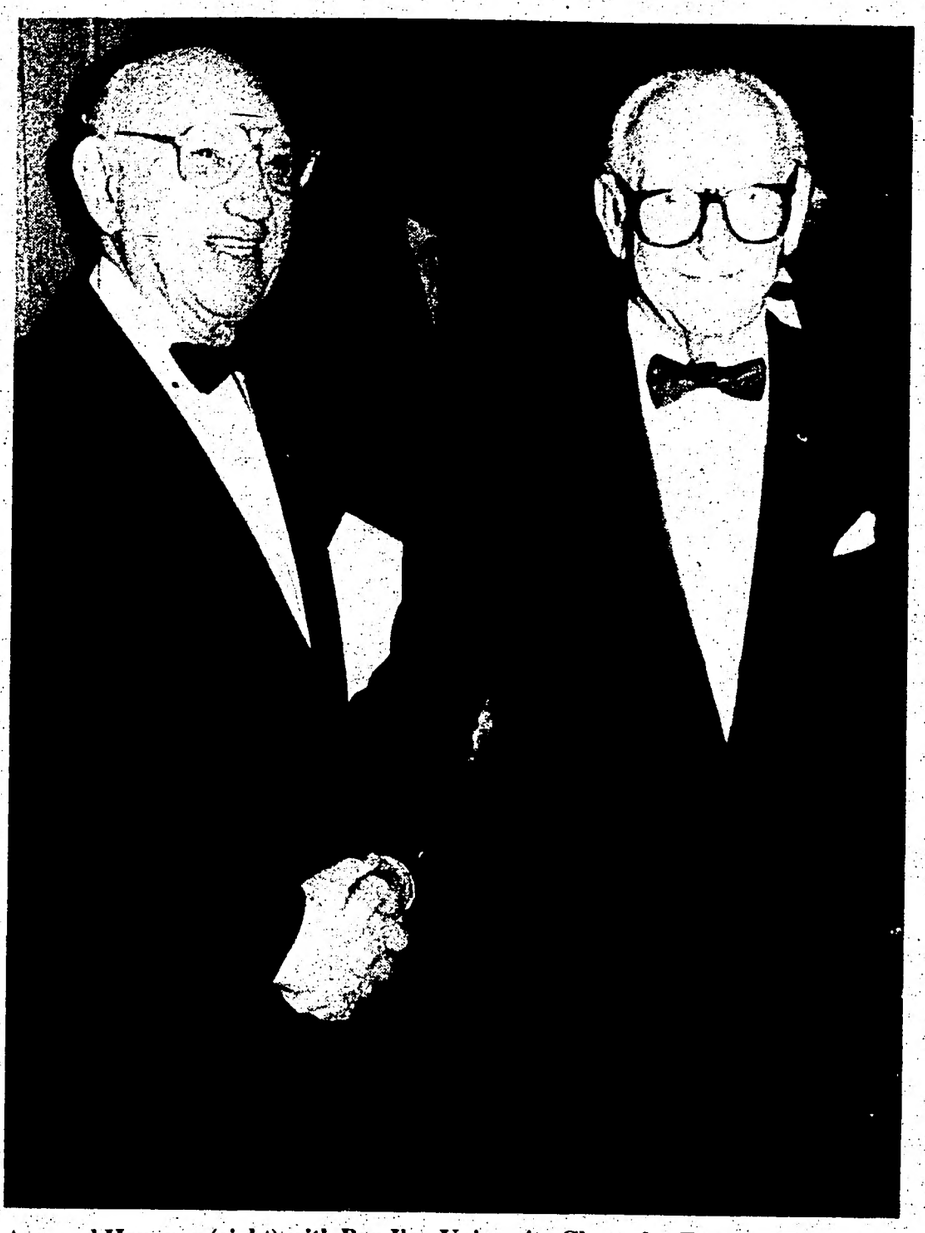
The next morning, Hammer and Mrs. Goldfarb drove to the passport office, where a 3-star general greeted them with exit permits. Then it was on to the hospital where Goldfarb was sitting up in bed, dressed in a new warmup suit his wife had brought him the night before, a bright smile on his face. Hammer wheeled Goldfarb to the stairway and the doctors and orderlies carried him down to a car waiting below.

At the airport David Goldfarb said goodbye to his daughter and his grandchildren. Then they boarded the Hammer private jet where Mrs. Hammer made a bed for Dr. and Mrs. Goldfarb in the study. As the plane cleared Russian airspace, David Goldfarb beamed contentedly — and Armand Hammer said he shared in the warm glow of that happiness.

Hammer was speaking to 800 dinner guests assembled to honor Chancelor Emanuel Rackman of Bar-Ilan and Blanca Roven-Wintner, vice president of the West Coast Friends.

Hammer expressed special interest in the development at the university of what he described as "a drug that promises to strengthen the body's immunological defences against cancer without negative side-effects."

Bar-Ilan scientists have also invented a machine "sophisticated enough to diagnose and pinpoint the location of cancer through blood samples, yet simple enough that it can be operated by any lab technician," said the industrialist, who is chairman of U.S. President Ronald Reagan's Cancer Panel.



Armand Hammer (right) with Bar-Ilan University Chancelor Emanuel Rackman.

New BB group meets in March

TORONTO —

The first national meeting of B'nai B'rith Canada's new Institute for International and Governmental Affairs will be held March 29 in Ottawa.

National president Harry Bick says the institute was established "to identify and protest the abuse of human rights throughout the world, and convey the concerns and recommendations of the Jewish community's experts to the Canadian government."

Recent regional meetings in Alberta and Ontario have dealt with such issues as the United Nations Commission of Human Rights, Soviet-Jewish relations and refugees.

The institute will put BB "in a better position to develop strategies to redress human rights abuses suffered by our brethren worldwide, and to convey our concerns with the necessary expertise to our nation's policymakers," Bick said.

The institute is chaired by BB vice-president Marilyn Wainberg of Montreal. Members of the institute in addition to Bick are: Paul Bregman and Prof. Eugene Rothman, both of Ottawa; Prof. Aurel Braun, Prof. David Dewitt, Bonnie Fish, Michael Rosenberg, Ronald Roth, Fern Sandler, Michael Schelew, Ralph Snow, Prof. Harold Troper, David Yanowski, all of Toronto.

Other members are: Irwin Cotler, Harvey Crestohl, Krisha Starker and Dr. Steve Scheinberg, all of Montreal; Prof. Alain Goldschlager of London, Ont.; and Prof. Leslie Green of Edmonton; Prof. Rafi Vago and Prof. David Taras, both of Calgary; David Matas of Winnipeg; and Prof. Paul Marantz of Vancouver.

Ellen Kachuck, BB's national director of public affairs, is the professional coordinator. Richard Ross is director of government relations for BB.

JTS will install women chazzans

[Cont'd. from page 1]

far. "The bottom line of those at JTS who are making the decision is that they are taking a secular approach towards religion. They take secular attitudes towards life, like men and women should have equal roles, and they project this onto religious rituals," he said.

Price claimed JTS is overly concerned with feminist issues because they are popular and attract attention when they should be more concerned with education, assimilation and religious observance within the lay membership of the movement.

"It is an extremely divisive action which sends a message to traditionalists within the movement — it doesn't take their views into account," Price said. It also adds credence to the Orthodox Jewish view which sees Conservative Judaism as a "movement of shortcuts."

Schorsch said egalitarianism is "the popular will of the movement." He also said the women cantors will help remedy the shortage of cantors throughout the United States.

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Legal sparring match over Israel's jurisdiction

Demjanjuk denies he's "Ivan" as trial opens

By
STEVE HAGLY

JERUSALEM (UPI) —

Israel's first Nazi war crimes trial in 25 years opened Monday with retired U.S. autoworker John Demjanjuk's attorneys denying he is "Ivan the Terrible," a death camp guard who gassed thousands of people in World War II.

The trial began with Demjanjuk's American attorney, Mark O'Connor, and prosecutors engaging in a legal sparring match over whether an Israeli court had jurisdiction to hear the case.

After listening to technical arguments for more than four hours, Chief Justice Dov Levin demanded that O'Connor present his client's alibi.

"I will limit myself to this position," O'Connor said. "John Demjanjuk was never in any death camp . . . he was in the Red (Soviet) Army. He was conscripted therein and served in combat against the forces of the Third Reich."

As the trial's first session ended at 1.05 p.m., an elderly Polish Jew in the audience leaped to his feet and began screaming and shaking his fist in the direction of Demjanjuk.

"You're a liar. You killed part of my family," yelled a man who identified himself as Mordechai Fuchs.

O'Connor, who was repeatedly admonished by the judge for taking off on tangents unrelated to the proceedings, said Demjanjuk was captured in June 1942 by the Nazis in the Battle of Kerch in the Crimea in southern Russia.

"Mr. Demjanjuk was incarcerated in Chelm (in eastern Poland) in inhuman conditions for 18 months, which took him beyond the period in question," O'Connor said, adding that his client later was forced to join a "pro-Nazi liberation army."

Demjanjuk, 67, wearing a brown suit and open-necked, cream-colored shirt as he did for his arraignment almost a year ago, arrived at the courthouse under tight security at about 8.25 a.m.

Five minutes later a panel of three judges entered the courtroom — a concert hall specially adapted for the trial — to open the first war crimes trial in Israel since Adolf Eichmann was captured in Argentina, brought to trial in 1961 and hanged a year later.

Demjanjuk, stripped of his post-war U.S. citizenship and extradited to Israel a year ago, maintains he was not a notorious guard known as Ivan the Terrible at the Treblinka death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland.

O'Connor and Yoram Sheftel, his Israeli co-counsel, argued that the U.S. extradition order that brought Demjanjuk to Israel last year stated that the former autoworker was wanted for murder and not war crimes.

Sheftel said Israel's extradition order was "rather sloppily drawn up," adding, "Crimes against the Jewish people is in no way part of the extradition order."

Israel has charged Demjanjuk under the 1950 Nazis and Nazi Collaborators Law — accusing him of crimes against the Jewish people, crimes against humanity and war crimes. The law is the only death penalty statute in Israel. Demjanjuk has argued that he is a victim of mistaken identity.

State prosecutors said that the extradition order was properly carried out and that Israel charged him with crimes that were referred to in U.S. legal documents dealing with the extradition.

Levin repeatedly had to call for silence during the opening arguments, which were interrupted by confusion over translations. The trial is being simultaneously translated into English, Hebrew and Ukrainian, Demjanjuk's native language.

Demjanjuk was indicted last September and is accused of using whips, and sometimes a sword, to prod Jews, Gypsies and others into the camp's gas chambers, and then operating a machine that spewed deadly gas over the victims.

An estimated 900,000 people were put to death in 1942 and 1943 at Treblinka, according to Israeli records.

The Ukrainian-born Demjanjuk told investigators he was drafted into the Soviet army, was wounded and captured by the Nazis and spent most of World War II as a prisoner of war. After the war, he moved to the United States and worked for years as an autoworker in Cleveland.

Although it is the first time in 25 years that Israel has brought an accused Nazi war criminal to trial, the proceedings — broadcast live on Israel radio — are not expected to generate the same interest as the Eichmann trial.

Eichmann, architect of Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler's Final Solution plan for exterminating the Jews, was convicted in 1961 of crimes against humanity and was hanged a year later.

Eichmann admitted his role in the extermination of an estimated 6 million Jews in World War II.

U.S. ambassador to Israel:

Ties "couldn't be better"

By
SUSAN BIRNBAUM

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Thomas Pickering, United States ambassador to Israel, last week told the opening convocation of the Jewish National Fund of America that U.S.-Israel relations "couldn't be better, and our capabilities to withstand what always arises in the relationship between two countries as close as ours" surmount the obstacles of "the Pollard case and what has come up in the past year."

Pickering arrived at the opening ceremonies of the JNF Third National Assembly in Israel, in the community centre of Neve Eliezer in Tel Aviv's Hatikva quarter, directly from the Ramat Aviv airport, where he witnessed the arrival of three F-16C fighter jets, which he called "an indication of the renewed cooperation between our countries" and the "further strengthening of the very significant strategic relationship between Israel and the United States."

He spoke of U.S. "commitment to provide Israel with a qualitative edge."

Peace sought

Pickering referred favorably to the recent visit to Israel and the Middle East by a senior U.S. government official — presumably the assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs — as an indication of strong cooperation for the Middle East peace process, which Pickering called "second to none" among American priorities.

In the spheres of military and defence cooperation between the two countries and U.S. aid to Israel, Pickering said that following U.S. aid to Israel's military security and her economic stability, Israel has now taken "a number of very difficult decisions to bring its economy first into a period of stability and restructuring."

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HAIFA (JTA) —

Rear Admiral Grant Sharp, commander of the U.S. Sixth Fleet whose flagship, the aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy, was anchored at Haifa, received a plaque from the Jewish National Fund of America last week and a promise by the JNF to plant 100 trees in honor of the Sixth Fleet in the American Independence Forest outside Jerusalem.

Grant reciprocated by presenting a plaque to the JNF expressing thanks for its support of the U.S. Navy. It was accepted by Rabbi Joseph Sternstein, JNF national president, on behalf of the delegates attending the JNF's Third National Assembly in Israel. The admiral also invited the delegates to tour the giant carrier.

The JNF group was plainly delighted. "How proud we are to see our flag flying in Haifa Bay," Sternstein said. "How proud we are of our country, and to be able to see the U.S. Navy in our homeland."

Sharp said in response, "It's been inspiring to see you all here and that you appreciate what we're doing. We are on a mission of peace. It is essential that our fellow Americans appreciate and understand our service."

The Sixth Fleet was rushed to the Eastern Mediterranean as the hostage crisis heightened in Beirut. It was withdrawn from Lebanese waters to reduce tension. The JFK and her escorts made an unscheduled call at Haifa for a 1-week stay.

Deschenes asked to revise report

OTTAWA —

The federal government has asked Justice Jules Deschenes to revise his 1,200-page report on Nazi war criminals living in Canada. The requested change means the report will likely not be made public until sometime in March at the earliest.

The revisions were requested because of fears that information in the original version may indirectly identify suspects investigated by the Commission, according to Justice Minister Ray Hnatyshyn.

Specific place names, dates and countries of origin in the public portion of the report will be deleted or made more general so individuals cannot be identified, Hnatyshyn said.

Part of the report contains a case-by-case description of the more than 800 investigations undertaken by the Commission. Hnatyshyn said the changes "will not affect the salient features of the report. It's a question of removing details which may identify individuals."

A press release quoted Deschenes saying "the changes made are not of significance in the context of the report as a whole and do not impair the integrity nor detract from the substance of the report."

Hnatyshyn said Deschenes' recommendations on what the government could do to bring Nazi war criminals to justice will remain unchanged.

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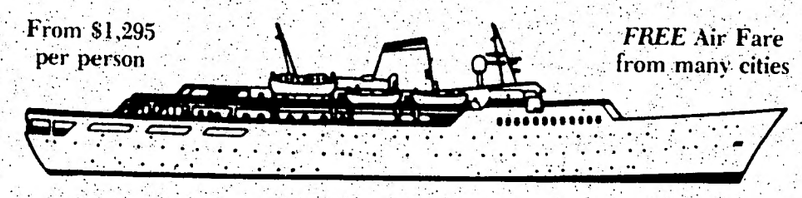

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Organizations and People

What's New

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

Friday, Feb. 20

BEACH SHUL ONEG SHABBAT

Beach Hebrew Institute Synagogue, 109 Kenilworth Ave. (just south of Queen St. E.) welcomes you to its service at 7.30 p.m. and to hear a presentation by storyteller **Alec Gelcer**, which follows.

KANE IN CONCERT

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Kane** will appear in a program of semi-classical and popular music 2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 20, at the Cheltenham Nursing Home, 5935 Bathurst St. Everyone is invited.

Saturday, Feb. 21

CONGREGATION DARCHEI NOAM

Once a month at Congregation Darchei Noam, the d'var Torah is given by a member of the congregation rather than by **Rabbi Brin**. On Saturday, Feb. 21, noted author and feminist **Dr. Paula Kaplan** will give the d'var Torah on Parshath Yitro.

Services start at 10.15 in the B'nai B'rith Centre, 15 Hove St. (Bathurst and Sheppard area).

Sunday, Feb. 22

BETH TZEDEC MEN'S CLUB

Beth Tzedec Men's Club will have a Breakfast, 9.30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 22 in the Mezzanine Hall, to be followed by a Choral Concert at 10 a.m., featuring the Beth Tzedec Choral Group conducted by **Gordon Kushner**.

Cost of the breakfast is $2 per person (optional). The concert is free.

TELEM-ZIONIST FULFILMENT

Telem, the Movement for Zionist Fulfilment, will hold its next event 7.30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 22 at 788 Marlee Ave. Room 206 (at Lawrence). Tentative discussion topic is Israeli Attitudes Toward Olim and Diaspora Jewry.

This is open to all adults and students over 18 considering long term stays in Israel or aliya. Native Israelis are especially welcome.

For more details contact **Ronni**, 782-0964. If busy, call **Joel**, 787-2661.

BETH TIKVAH BROTHERHOOD

Beth Tikvah Brotherhood meets for services at 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, with breakfast at 9.45 ($4), followed by information on Volunteers for Israel, with **Batya Eisen, Mottle Goodbaum** and **Vera Waldman**, who will speak on their personal experiences as volunteers in this particularly interesting program for mature persons.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Friends of Alyn, Orthopedic Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre for Physically Handicapped Children in Jerusalem, present **Doug Barr** in concert, 2.15 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 22 at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

Tickets, $3.50 each, for this high energy, foot-stomping, hand clapping experience, are available at Israel's, 973 Eglinton Ave. W. and 243 Wilmington Ave., Negev, 3509 Bathurst St., The Children's Book Store, 604 Markham St, The Red Balloon, 3280 Yonge St., or at the door.

SHAAR HAIM SYNAGOGUE

On Sunday, Feb. 22 at 10 a.m. in Roselawn Public School, 422 Carrville Rd. (between Bathurst and Yonge, north of Hwy. 7), Shaarei Haim Synagogue will continue its Sunday Morning Lecture Series with **Rabbi Deborah Brin,** who will speak on the topic, What is Reconstructionism?. The lecture will be preceded by a service and breakfast, and will conclude at 11.45 a.m. All are welcome.

To inquire further call 737-3080.

FRIENDS OF BETH HATALMUD

The Canadian Friends of Beth Hatalmud have scheduled their annual breakfast for 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 22 in Clanton Park Synagogue, 11 Lowesmoor, when **Menachem Wagman**, a close friend of the yeshiva will be honored.

ADATH ISRAEL ADULT STUDY

Winterludes 1987, a series coordinated by the Adult Study Committee of Adath Israel Congregation, continues at 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, when **Judy Feld Carr** talks on The Forgotten Hostages in the Middle East, offering an in-depth look at the life and trials of Jews in Syria and other Arab lands.

HEALTH FAIR

Bring your family and friends to the Health Fair, a day of workshops, speakers, demonstrations, books and foods, sponsored by The Canadian Natural Hygiene Society, Sunday, Feb. 22 in the Board of Education Building, 6th floor auditorium, 155 College St., at McCaul.

Doors open at 9.15 a.m., programs are 9.45 a.m.- 6 p.m. (All food displays are on the 7th floor).

General admission is $4, members, $3, seniors and students, with ID cards, $2.

BETH SHOLOM BROTHERHOOD

Beth Sholom Brotherhood Tefillin and Breakfast Club meets Sunday, Feb. 22, to hear **Eleanor Gower**, head of History at Brockton High School, who has recently returned from a visit, along with other Canadian teachers, to Poland, Germany and Israel. The itinerary included former concentration camps, and the impact of the trip will be reviewed in her topic, Reflections of the Holocaust...And Hope.

Service is at 9.30 a.m., breakfast at 10 and speaker, 10.30.

AT SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

Entertainment and Cultural Connection of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, invites you to a discussion by **Shaya Petroff** on Non-Smokers...The Unwilling Victims, 8 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 22 at the synagogue, Glencairn Ave. just east of Bathurst.

SCHARANSKY HONORED

—The Los Angeles based Simon Wiesenthal Centre recently honored Natan Scharansky (centre) with its humanitarian award at a tribute dinner attended by over 2,000 community and government leaders, activists and admirers. Simon Wiesenthal (left), who flew in from Vienna for the event, was joined by Frances Belzberg of Vancouver, chairwoman for the Centre's new Museum of Tolerance, Beit HaShoah, and Rabbi Marvin Hier (right), dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre.

Everyone is welcome and all ages are invited. For singles who want to meet other singles, there will be special tables for ages 21-39 and 39 plus.

There is no admission charge to members, guests, $2.

Coordinators are **Sandra** and **Gerry Genesove**.

SECULAR JEWISH ASSOCIATION

Parenting Your Teenager and Adolescent: An 80s Lifestyle Approach, will be considered when **Ronald Clavier**, a psychologist at the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, addresses the Secular Jewish Association, 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, in St. Andrew's Junior High School, 131 Fenn Ave., (Bayview-York Mills area).

Refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

Monday, Feb. 23

PW RICHMOND HILL—OAK RIDGES

Na'amat Pioneer Women's Richmond Hill-Oak Ridges Chapter invites all young women to attend its next meeting on Monday, Feb. 23 at 8 p.m.

A most interesting program on the Jews of China is planned.

For further information call 636-5425 days, and 764-0565, evenings.

JEWISH CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Adult Education Institute of the Toronto Jewish Cultural Council, Toronto Jewish Congress, presents Effective Speaking and Presentation Skills, with social worker **Carol Seidman**, Monday, Feb. 23 from 7.15-10 p.m.

Chairperson is **Myra Merkur**.

Registration fee is $5.

To inquire further contact **Merle Goldman**, 635-2883.

MONDAY MAGIC

Monday Magic, or Mothers Against Going Incredibly Crazy, meets 9.30 a.m. Mondays, at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

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On Feb. 23, CJN journalist **David Birkan** digs up old Hebrew roots in the English language.

ISRAEL HISTORICAL SERIES

Pillar of Fire, the History of Israel's Rebirth (1896-1946), continues 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, with part 3, The Most Peaceful Spot in the Middle East and The Crossroads, covering the period 1920-1933. Commentary for this segment is by **Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg**

The series includes videotapes, lectures and discussion.

Everyone is welcome and there is no charge. Refreshments will be provided.

This is co-sponsored by Beth Tzedec Congregation and the Canadian Zionist Federation.

Tuesday, Feb. 24

HOLY BLOSSOM SISTERHOOD

Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood, 1950 Bathurst St., invites you to the second of a 2-part series, Romance Versus Reality, conducted by **Ruby Newman**, 1.30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 24 in the boardroom. At this session she will focus on **Amos Oz's** book, A Perfect Peace.

Cost is $2 to Sisterhood members, $4, visitors.

Coffee will be served.

TZAVTA KIBBUTZ CENTRE

A chug Ivrit for Canadians who speak intermediate and advanced Hebrew is slated for 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24 at the Tzavta Kibbutz Centre, 1111 Finch Ave. W. Suite 158.

Prof. Israel Ephal, Department of Jewish History at the Hebrew University and guest lecturer in the Department of Near Eastern Studies at the University of Toronto, will examine the question, Following the Destruction of the Kingdom of Judah, How Did the Jews Survive?

Refreshments will be served and there is parking on the premises.

To inquire further contact **Yigal Gilboa**, 736-1339.

EDMONTON MEETING

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, four leaders of the Edmonton Sikh Community will join members of the Joint Community Relations Committee, Jewish Federation of Edmonton, at the February JCRC meeting to share views and discuss matters of mutual concern.

B'NAI SHALOM NORTH

B'nai Shalom North Congregation adult education lecture will feature dietician **Paula Rush**, who will provide information in such areas as The Art of Feeding your Child, and Daily Nutritional Requirements for Children through to Adults.

This is 8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 275 Arnold Ave., Thornhill (south-east corner of Arnold and Bathurst, across from the Promenade).

Admission is $1 per person and the public is invited.

For more details phone 731-2797.

LIVING JEWISH SPIRIT

The Association for the Living Jewish Spirit conducts a discussion group, 8 p.m, Tuesday, Feb. 24 at Bathurst Heights Public Library, just north of Lawrence Plaza. Topic will be Judaism and Christianity: The Similarities and Differences.

This is the first of three related topics on Judaism and Other Philosophies: Christianity, Marxism and Humanism. **Rabbi Reuben Slonim** will lead the discussion.

Members of the community are welcome.

For further details call 789-0101.

Wednesday, Feb. 25

NETIVOT HATORAH DAY SCHOOL

Netivot HaTorah Day School will hold an informational meeting 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25 in the Sisterhood Hall, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation, 55 Yeomans Rd., to acquaint the community with the school's philosophy and programs.

JSF LUNCH HOUR SPEAKER SERIES

How about a lunch date? The Jewish Student Federation at York University is sponsoring a series of speakers on Wednesday at noon in the JSF Portable. On Wednesday, Feb. 25, **Claire Horowitz** from Ben-Gurion University, will offer Yet Another Option for Study in Israel.

THORNHILL WOMEN'S ORT

On Wednesday, Feb 25 at 8 p.m., the newest chapter of Toronto Women's ORT will hold its first meeting in Thornhill. Women between the ages of 30-45, are most welcome.

For additional information contact **Sally Waldman**, 881-4252 or **Marcy Gilbert**, 787-0339.

Thursday, Feb. 26

JEWS, PALESTINIANS, AND PEACE

Can Enemies Make Peace? This is the provocative question to be probed by two peace activists, one Jewish, the other a Palestinian Arab, **Avishai Margalit**, Israel Defence Forces reserve officer and Hebrew University Professor, and **Yousef Khazmo,** noted Palestinian publisher and editor, 7.30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26 at OISE (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education), 252 Bloor St. W., main floor auditorium.

Admission is free and there is underground parking one block north of Bloor.

The event is under the joint auspices of The Canadian Friends of Peace Now and the Canada-Palestine Committee.

ADATH ISRAEL JEWISH STUDIES

Chavurat Hamasoret is a Jewish studies program for young adults ages 18-25. Classes are held weekly at Adath Israel Synagogue on Thursday evenings.

At 7.30 there is a Torah study class with **Sholom Eisenstat** and at 8.45, guest scholars are featured.

On Feb. 26, **Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum** of Adath Israel Synagogue, will pose some issues and Jewish answers in medical ethics.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Order your tickets now for Jewish Film Festival 1987 and see such double bills as The Dybbuk and Mamele, March 4, Gentlemen's Agreement and Yiddle With His Fiddle, March 11, and Sallah and A Brivele Der Mama, March 25.

Presented by Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood, all programs start Wednesdays in the temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

Price for the series (three nights) is $15, individual evening, $6. Tickets may be purchased at the temple, 789-3291, or at the door.

Refreshments, including popcorn for popcorn fanatics, will be available.

Proceeds will provide funds to assist in the completion of the Holy Blossom Temple elevator.

TEMPLE ISRAEL, LONDON

Temple Israel, London, hosts a very special evening, 7.30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, when Assistant Rabbi **David Azen** of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple, is the visiting rabbi, and the congregation also welcomes **Daniel Golden**, principal violist of Orchestra London and a member of the Rossini Quartet.

Anyone interested in a congregational seder and/or in obtaining copies of the Reform Haggadah is asked to call Judi, 668-0990.

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Organizations and People

What's New

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HEART AND STROKE VOLUNTEERS

Jump Rope for Hearts, a fund raising campaign of the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation needs volunteers. People who would enjoy speaking to groups of school children in the North York area and volunteers with good organizational skills are required. Training and ongoing support are provided.

If you would like to become involved in this program, please call the Volunteer Centre, 481-6194.

JSU/HILLEL U OF T

Jewish Students Union activities for Thursday, Feb. 26, include the following:

International Student Solidarity Day for Soviet Jewry with a mock prison in Sidney Smith Lobby, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. There will be an information table which will dispense a prisoner's daily ration of cabbage soup and black bread.

Rockin' for Refuseniks, 8 p.m. at the El Mocambo with The River Street Band. Admission is $5 with JSU card, $6 without. Tickets are available at JSU, JSF and BASS, as well as at the door. Proceeds are to assist Soviet Jewry.

Daily Bread Food Project pickup day at JSU. Please donate non-perishable food items to the JSU depot.

PURIM IN VANCOUVER

The time for hamantashen, costumes and noisemakers is approaching, and with it the Vancouver Jewish Community Centre's Annual Purim Carnival, Sunday, March 15, from noon until 3 p.m..

Everyone is invited to enjoy games, prizes, rides, Purim food, special events and the Shushan Market Crafts Fair.

Come in costume to an afternoon of fun and festivity for the entire family.

Admission is free.

AT SHAAR SHALOM SYNAGOGUE

Shaar Shalom Synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill, invites you to a Shabbat service and seudah shlisheet celebration on Saturday, Feb. 28 at 4.30 p.m.

Bill Berle and his choral group will entertain.

For reservations phone 889-4975. Everyone is welcome.

JEWISH-PALESTINIAN CONFERENCE

Challenging skepticism on both sides, Jewish and Palestinian activists will meet at a Peace Now-sponsored conference in New York City, Feb. 21 and 22 at the Columbia University Faculty Centre.

Following the conference, two keynote speakers, **Avishai Margalit** and **Yousef Khazmo** will be in Montreal Feb. 24, Ottawa, Feb. 25 and Toronto, Feb. 26.

The four major participants at the conference are **Hanna Siniora**, editor-in-chief of Al-Fajr, a major Arab daily newspaper with a weekly English edition; **Avishai Margalit**, Israel Defence Forces reserve officer, professor of political philosphy at Hebrew University, contributor to the New York Review of Books; **Yousef Khazmo**, publisher and editor of the weekly Arabic newspaper Al-Bayadar Assiyasi, key activist in Islamic-Christian dialogue and author of a soon-to-be-published book on the 1967 war; **Galia Golan**, Israeli scholar on the Soviet Union and the Middle East, director of women's studies at Hebrew University and member of the Israeli National Commission on the Status of Women.

Attendance at the New York conference is by invitation only. To inquire further call **Beverley Stern**, (416) 789-7071, ext. 2025.

NCSY SHABBATON

Shaarei Shomayim youth will host a Regional Western District NCSY (National Conference of Synagogue Youth) Shabbaton in Toronto. Feb. 27 through March 1.

Participants will gather from throughout Ontario, with delegations from Montreal and Upper New York State, to hear scholars, rabbis and lecturers deliver engaging and provocative talks.

An exciting Jewish Rock Band will add to the ruach (spirit) typical of NCSY Shabbatonim.

For more information and details, contact **Rabbi Nosson Westreich** at the NCSY office, 3600 Bathurst St., (416) 782-3117 or 782-5422.

NCJW BINGO

Come out for a fun-filled night of bingo with cash prizes, door prizes, including a fabulous weekend for two at the Bristol Place Hotel (courtesy of Conquest Tours), and refreshments.

It all takes place under the auspices of Orah Branch, National Council of Jewish Women, 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 28 at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St.

Admission is $5 per person.

For additional details call **Shelley**, 881-9344 or **Tzini**, 881-9396.

TEEN CARAVAN TO ISRAEL

Here is a different kind of teen trip to Israel! It is a first class holiday featuring just about everything offered on deluxe adult tours plus many extras aimed specifically at teenagers.

In addition to discovering and appreciating the country, young people will have a chance to relax in the sun, shop, go horseback riding, play tennis at the Canada Tennis Centre, stay in 4-star kibbutz guest houses and meet Israeli teenagers.

Total cost for this supervised Teen Caravan to Israel is $3,200 (Canadian funds) all inclusive.

For further information call **George Auerbach** at 731-1862, or **Ron Fein** at 475-6008.

YMCA SPRING PROGRAMS

North York YMCA now has open registraton for its Spring Enrichment Programs.

Everything is offered from Kindergym for preschoolers to folkdancing for Seniors.

Call in for more details or ask for the spring brochure which outlines all of the courses.

Registration can be made in person, by mail or by phone at North York YMCA, 567 Sheppard Ave. E., North York, Ont., M2K 1B2, phone 225-7773.

And, North York YMCA is offering once again, a School Break Program, March 16 - 20. Drop in, or phone for specific information.

KIDNEY FOUNDATION VOLUNTEERS

The Kidney Foundation is looking for volunteers to assist with its annual fundraising drive during March - Kidney Month.

Volunteers are needed to canvass door to door to help raise funds for research, patient services and special summer dialysis camps.

If you can offer a few hours to "Help Improve the Odds on Life" for kidney patients, please call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

CRAFTS CONTEST

A Crafts Contest marking the 90th anniversary of the Women's Institute, is planned to tap the rich treasury of Canadian crafts practiced by members of the organization.

WI members are invited to submit a craft of their own design, using any material, together with up to 200 words underscoring the craft's history and significance to the craftsperson. Deadline for entries is March 31, 1987, and prizes will be awarded at the Women's Institute regional conference this summer.

Jointly sponsored by the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario and Hands, the Canadian craft magazine, the contest will be judged by contralto **Maureen Forrester**, an avid craftsperson, **Gina Brown** of Calgary, hostess of TV's Creative Hands, and **Grace Campbell**, of Iona Station, Ont., a WI lifemember.

Cash prizes of $100, $75 and $50 , the opportunity to be published in Hands Magazine, and a chance at the grand prize, the **Minnie Warren Lewis Award of Merit**, are offered.

The contest is open to any Canadian member of the WI.

For information on joining the WI, write to Women's Institute of Canada, 46 Elgin St., Ottawa, K1P 5K8.

To obtain contest entry forms and rules write to Women's Institute Contest, Box 340, Station L, Toronto, M6E 4Z2.

PURIM COSTUME BALL

Club Aliza, Na'amat Pioneer Women, is planning its annual Purim Costume Ball with dancing to a live band, **Argaman**, buffet and sweet table, auction and door prizes, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7 in the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Admission is $50 a couple, $25 per person. For tickets call **Penny**, 731-2969.

JCC FAMILY WEEKEND

Jewish Camp Council of Toronto is offering a cross-country ski package for families at Maple Lake Resort from Friday, March 13 to Sunday, March 15. This is an all inclusive package featuring cross-country skiing, a variety of outdoor and indoor activities, three meals per day and evening refreshments prepared under the supervision of Canadian Jewish Congress Kashruth Division.

For more information call the Jewish Camp Council, 964-8842.

MID-WINTER BREAK FOR CHILDREN

A Cross Country Ski Camp for boys and girls 8-16 years, will be operated under the auspices of the Jewish Camp Council Sunday, March 15 to Friday, March 20, at Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre, Parry Sound, Ont.

It is an all-inclusive package with ski lessons and equipment, tobogganing and a wide range of outdoor activities, arts and crafts, music, dance and full length movies, transportation. Food is prepared under the supervision of Canadian Jewish Congress Kashruth Division.

For additional details call the Jewish Camp council, 964-8842.

60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mazel tov to **Nettie** and **Max Yarmo** who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Feb. 19! Married in New York City, the Yarmos have lived in Toronto almost all their lives. They have two sons, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. To celebrate this wonderful event, a grandson, **Robbie Yarmo** and his wife **Luba**, of Burlington, Ont. are arranging a party for the entire family.

at the jcc

Calling all downtown teens...Join the B'nai B'rith Youth Chapter, Solelim, for an afternoon of good times and the opportunity to meet new people. Grades 8 and up are welcome. Call **Sarah Casse** at the Bloor JCC for details, 924-6211.

Come to a Pre-Natal Information show organized by the Fitness and Recreation Department at the Jewish Community Centre Northern Branch, 4588 Bathurst St. The show takes place Sunday, March 15 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Over 4,000 people attended last year's event to view the 110 different products and services.

At Toronto's only "Baby Show", the JCC strives to provide the most up-to-date information on pregnancy, birth, infant nutrition, safety and fitness, enabling new parents to take on their additional responsibilities with better awareness and understanding.

Admission is $3 for adults, children and seniors free.

For information regarding exhibit space, call 636-1880, ext. 235.

Senior Adult Services in cooperation with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario, offers free assistance with your tax returns 7 - 9 p.m., from Tuesday, March 3 until April 7. Call **Teme Kernerman,** 636-1880, ext. 232, for an appointment (members given priority).

singles

The Rooftop Caves In! Dance away the night at the **Jewish Community Centre's** indoor rooftop party, 8 p.m. - 1 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 22. Enjoy the sounds of CFNY, CHUM, CHEF, CKFM from one of Toronto's top club deejays. Delicious appetizers, drinks with a twist, are just part of this exciting event. Tickets are $8 for JCC members, $10, non-members. Price includes a continuous buffet dinner. You'll be impressed! For further information call **Sarah** at the Bloor Y Branch, 924-6211 - a new direction for entertainment.

Jewish Community Centre NE Valley Singles Network looks forward to a Singles Support Group meeting 8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 7015 Leslie St., upstairs. Cost is $2 for members with cards, $4, non-members. Call **Sally Kerbel**, 889-0813.

Diet and Cancer Prevention: Evaluating the Evidence, will be explained by **Dayna Albert**, dietician and nutritionist at Princess Margaret Hospital, when **Beth Tikvah Chai Singles Group** (35 and over) meets, 8.30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 22, in the downstairs social hall of Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Admission is $5 for members, $3, visitors. Refreshments will be served.

JASS Hot Line at the Hamilton JCC — Jewish Association Serving Singles, offers a 24-hour taped message keeping you up to date on singles' activities in Southern Ontario. Call Hamilton, (416) 529-0160.

Total Living Mature Singles are having a Post-Valentine Dance featuring the popular deejay, **Don Del Greco**, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 in Earl Bales Park Community Centre, Bathurst and Sheppard. There will be refreshments and prizes, and everyone is welcome. Admission is $4 for members, $5, non-members.

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Clanton Park Congregation's Rabbi Yitzchok Kerzner (right) accepts an award marking the shul's establishment of a perpetual scholarship fund at Beth Jacob High School and Jacob Perlman Teachers' Seminary. Nathan Elyas (left), chairman of the scholarship award committee, made the presentation at the school's 25th annual dinner celebration.

BB BRIEFINGS

National and lodge leaders of B'nai B'rith Canada met recently in Kingston for confidential briefings on government relations, the Deschenes Commission, Soviet Jewry and the Zundel trial. Seen at a luncheon session offering a farewell tribute to Israel's ambassador to Canada, Eliashiv Ben-Horin, are (left to right) Patricia Hodge, deputy mayor of Kingston; Ken Keyes, Ontario solicitor-general; Ambassador Ben-Horin; Frank Dimant, executive vice-president; Harry Bick, president.

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Organizations and People

YOFI group fills void for young Winnipeggers

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
Yofi is "good" in Hebrew and it's good in Winnipeg as well. When YOFI, the Youth Organization For Israel, was formed here in August, 1984, the group, co-sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation and the Youth and Hechalutz arm of the World Zionist Organization, filled a gaping void of many years standing here.

"YOFI was started because a group of people in the city felt the need to talk and learn about Israel," said Roberta Malam, the CZF's youth director in Winnipeg and a resident of Israel for 6 years. He has been involved with YOFI for a year and a half.

"Our focus is on education and the promotion of Zionist ideas among young adults," Malam said. "We try to teach about and create a positive image toward Israel. We try to keep to educational programming rather than social events."

YOFI's programs are coordinated by a steering committee of five young adults. The organization runs 10 programs throughout the year following the university calendar. The last program was a games night. For the next one, the group is hoping to have someone talking about kibbutzim. One evening featured a film and a speaker exploring the subject of terrorism. Another program looked at the consequences if everyone were to make aliya.

This year, YOFI has started a monthly Hebrew night. "A lot of our supporters have been to Israel and spent time on kibbutzim," said Malam. "That and Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate backgrounds give many of them a good grasp of Hebrew."

The group is also involved in the Gan Yavneh program in Project Renewal. The town of Gan Yavneh, Malam explained, is twinned with Winnipeg. The Israeli community is looking for three or four young Winnipegers to spend four weeks in there to run an English-language camp during the summer.

YOFI's programs are usually held at different people's houses on Sunday evenings.

Meet to seek improved city ties

JERUSALEM —
An international conference scheduled here March 13-20, 1988, will "seek ways and means to widen, deepen, and strengthen the ties" between "twinned" Israeli and North American cities.

The conference is being organized by the Union of Local Authorities in Israel, a voluntary, non-profit national umbrella organization of 200 towns and local authorities.

Recently, the union sent letters to the North American member organizations of the Council of Jewish Federations to enlist support for the conference.

Avi Rabinovitch, director of the union's International Relations Department, asked that "new links" and twinnings be created, and requested that suggestions by CJF members be forwarded so they can be considered before the conference.

Stephen Donshik, director of the CJF's Israeli office, has already assured Rabinovitch of the federation's cooperation.

The conference is being held within the framework of Israel's 40th anniversary year, under the theme of "friendship between cities at work for the good of the citizens and the community."

The conference's first four days will be devoted to meetings and mutual discussions on ways and methods for closer cooperation.

Israeli leadership will also address the conference, which will conclude with a 2-day tour of Israel and with the planting of trees in the "Twin Cities Forest."

The twinning of Canadian and Israeli cities began about 12 years ago.

Canadian cities including Winnipeg, Toronto and Laval, Que., have also twinned themselves with Israeli counterparts.

What's New

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Jeff Perlmutar of J.P. Singles, invites you to his 2nd Anniversary Singles Party, 8.30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24 at Rooney's, 2 Rosehill Ave. (two blocks south of St. Clair, east of Yonge St.) Cover is $6. There will be a party favor for the first 50 women. Indoor municipal parking is just two doors away. Come early and bring your friends. For additional information call **Jeff,** 638-3393.

The Jewish Singles Connection (ages 25-45), presents an evening to remember at Darling's Restaurant & Disco, 4950 Yonge St. (one block north of Sheppard in the new Madison Centre), 8 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 22. Shake those post-Valentine blues, and meet new people. Cover charge is $5 before 9 p.m., $7 after 9. Door prize is a dinner for two at Darling's.

Metro Toronto Singles invites you to Singles Magic Night featuring "Canada's foremost female illusionist," **Ashley Vann**, at Rooney's, 2 Rosehill Ave. (two blocks south of Yonge and St. Clair, 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23. Cover is $6. Door prize is dinner for two at Le Connaiseur. To inquire further call **Sid**, 224-7111.

Mayfair West Racquet Club, 3855 Chesswood Dr., is having its next Singles Party Saturday, Feb. 28. The action begins at 7.30 p.m. with a tennis round robin. Dancing starts after 9 p.m. with music provided by **Mickey Kay**. Cost for tennis and the dance is $10 for Mayfair members, $15, non-members. Cost is $6 after 9 p.m. for the dance. Reservations are a must for tennis. Call **Marcia Levine**, 638-1010. Don't delay.

for seniors

Enjoy a warm atmosphere and stimulating discussion at the Bloor JCC's **Coffeehouse 60**. New members are always welcome.

Every Thursday at 2 p.m. it's the **Good Age Club**. Each week there is a different speaker or entertainer. This is a great way to meet new friends. Please join the gathering. Call **Sarah Casse** at the Bloor JCC for more information, 924-6211.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club will show a documentary film for your enjoyment, 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23.

Be advised that on Wednesday, Feb. 25, the painting classes will resume.

Reservations for the trip to California and Las Vegas, May 6-24, are being filled very quickly. This will be a memorable holiday. Also planned is a trip to Israel in early November, a repeat, by popular demand, and it is not too early to make reservations now. Call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923.

Bingo is back by request just for you, at the next meeting of **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50**, 1.30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1700 Bathurst St. Coffee and cake will be served, everyone is welcome and there will be prizes galore. Cost to non- members of the club is $1.50.

Taylor Place Senior Adult Centre, 1 Overland Dr. Don Mills, is holding its Annual Rummage Sale, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Feb. 21. On sale will be used clothing, jewelery, books, white elephants and much more. There is no admission charge so come out early for the best bargains.

All are welcome at a seminar on Your Retirement Planning, RRSP, Annuities and RRIF, 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24 in the JCC Senior Lounge, 4588 Bathurst St. Sponsored by Senior Adult Services, Jewish Community Centre Northern Branch, this is free.

Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda Friendship Club, 100 Elder St., is holding a general meeting at the shul, 1.30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 22. Everyone is welcome. Cost is $1 for members, $2, non-members. Come and spend an enjoyable afternoon. For more information phone **Bess**, 783-3206.

The Bobes and Zaides Singing Group will entertain in the Assembly Room of the **Wagman Centre**, 2-3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 22. On Wednesday, Feb. 25 between 7.45 and 8.45 p.m., **The Invictones** will perform.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING
The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Friendship Circle for People 55 and Over and On Their Own, will have a meeting and see a film, The White Knights, 6.30 p.m., Thursday, Feb 19 in the Music Room. This is for members only. Fee is $1. For further information call **Joy Friedman**, 225-2112.

It's Concert Time, with **Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum** and the Junior Choir of Adath Israel Synagogue, at the Centre for Creative Living, 7.30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 25. For tickets, $3 per person, call the centre. There will be a door prize.

Exercise specialist **Cathy Notarious**, will explain How to Strengthen Bones Through Exercise, 1.30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 26 in the synagogue.

Wednesday, Feb. 25, 1.30 p.m., see the latest styles at a Fashion Show by Caravan Clothes. Cost, including refreshments, is $1.25 for members, $1.75, non-members.

The movie, Back to the Future, will be screened 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22. Admission is $1 for members, $1.50, non-members.

It's an all-day trip including a visit to the Sigmund Samuels Canadiana Building, lunch at the Golden Griddle and a Canadian comedy, The Melville Boys, at the St. Lawrence Centre, Tuesday, Feb. 24. Price, $18, includes transportation, all admissions and lunch.

About People

JEWISH CAMP COUNCIL OFFICERS
At the recent annual meeting the following were elected as officers of the Jewish Camp Council of Toronto for 1987: president, **Morley Wolfe**; immediate past president, **Marvin Nash**; honorary vice-president, **Louis Lazonick**; vice-presidents, **Howard Borlack, Edith Sobel, Marvin Waxman; treasurer, Edward Goldman**; secretary, **Robynn Jolliffe**; members at large, **Lucille Bensky, Gloria Himelstein, Stephanie Olin, Alex Serota, Steven Silver** and **Marvin Wiesenthal**.

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There will be no charge for these programs.

Advocate of rationalization of services

Hamilton MD honored for health contribution

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Dr. William Goldberg, a prominent Hamilton physician, was recently awarded the second annual John Sibley award for outstanding contributions to research, education and health care.

A specialist in internal medicine, Goldberg served for 20 years as chief of medicine at St. Joseph's Hospital. When the McMaster University medical school was established in 1968, he coordinated the residency training program in medicine for five years.

In 1972 he was appointed chairman of the McMaster residency and clinical education committee. Currently Goldberg is a clinical professor of medicine as well as head of the behavioral medicine unit at St. Joseph's Hospital.

The award is established in memory of Dr. John Sibley, a professor of medicine and one of the original McMaster medical school faculty members.

A native of Hamilton, Goldberg received his MD degree in 1949 from the University of Western Ontario. Following post-graduate studies in internal medicine and residency training, he opened his Hamilton practice in 1954.

A strong advocate of "rationalization of health care services," Goldberg was instrumental in forming the Hamilton regional health council, one of the first such regional councils in Canada.

"It was the biggest thing I ever did," he says.

The city-wide program initiated under his chairmanship saw the redistribution of specialized services among the various hospitals: all open heart surgery, for instance, is done at the Hamilton General Hospital, kidney dialysis and renal transplants at St. Joseph's and so on.

At the time, Toronto hospitals were still "doing their own thing. But duplication is costly," Goldberg explained. "We changed all that. The whole pilot project started in Hamilton."

It was under his leadership also that services and programs such as the kidney dialysis, renal transplant, respirology and behavioral medicine units were established at St. Joseph's and Goldberg is given a great deal of credit for developing the hospital into one of Canada's leading health care institutions.

For the past five or six years, said Goldberg, his particular interest has been in behavioral medicine and studies in chronic pain and in the alleviation of chronic pain through changes in behavior.

Dr. William Goldberg

Described as "an outstanding teacher (who has) served as an example to hundreds of students, interns and residents," he is the author of numerous articles dealing not only with his own research but with the quality of health care, the regionalization of the health care system and with medical education.

The doctor is a past president of the Hamilton academy of Medicine and a past chairman of the Canadian Council on Hospital Accreditation. He has served as chairman of several committees with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and has conducted manpower studies for the Ontario Medical Association.

Goldberg is a life-long member and former board member of Temple Anshe Sholom and has been a member of B'nai B'rith for over 30 years. He lives in Hamilton with his wife Geraldine.

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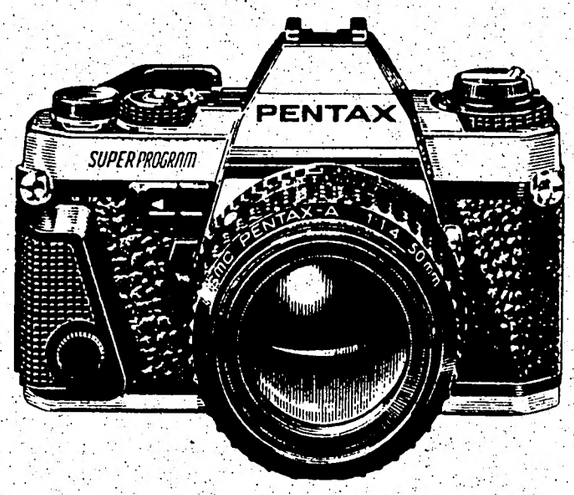

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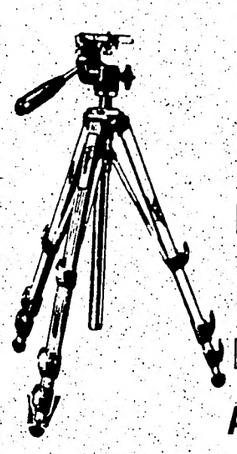

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Organizations and People

Installed as chairman of UJA Women's Campaign

Scheininger speech brings standing ovation

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —
At the end of the evening which saw the 1988 executive and board of United Jewish Appeal Women's Campaign installed, Harold Lederman, 1988 overall UJA campaign co-chairman, echoed the sentiments of every person in attendance.

"Those were the most professional and beautifully-delivered addresses I've heard anywhere," he said.

Lederman was referring to Sheila Engel's innovative and informative review (in verse) of the 1987 women's campaign which she spearheaded, and which, she said, is now nearing the $3 million goal set at the start; and incoming chairman Judy Scheininger's acceptance speech which brought her a standing ovation and the evening to a close.

Scheininger, who was installed by past chairman Julia Koschitzky, spoke without a note and from the heart for half-an-hour.

The daughter and daughter-in-law of Holocaust survivors, Scheininger had the undivided attention of an audience that filled the 4th floor conference centre of the Lipa Green Building.

She spoke of her childhood and what it meant to grow up in the shadow of the Holocaust. She explained how the most tragic event in Jewish history influenced and shaped her priorities as a Jewish woman, wife and mother. When she resigned her teaching position to raise her three children — Pam, Stephanie and Robbie — Judy Scheininger turned her talents and energies to Jewish communal work.

She was involved at the top level in planning for the 53rd General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations, held in Toronto in 1984; played a key role in organizing the 21st plenary of Canadian Jewish Congress last May; and in 1986 was the recipient of the Toronto Jewish Congress Leadership Development Award.

Husband Les, a lawyer, is also heavily involved in the Jewish community. Immediate past chairman of the CJC Ontario Region, he is currently an honorary counsel on the CJC national executive and an officer of TJC. In the 1987 UJA campaign, he was a coordinator for the Professional and Financial Network.

Anne Handelman, 1986 Women's campaign chairman, installed Joan Stevens and Carol Kassel as 1st and 2nd vice-chairmen respectively.

Citations for outstanding service in the 1987 Women's campaign were presented by Gella Rothstein to Roz Davidson, Susan Goldberg, Bev Little, Marilyn Rotenberg and Clara Tepner.

Judy Scheininger (second from left), accepts the gavel from Sheila Engel, outgoing chairman of UJA Women's Campaign, at installation of 1988 executive and board. Also installed were Joan Stevens (left), 1st vice-chairman and Carol Kassel, 2nd vice-chairman.

Whale of a camp time

PLYMOUTH, Mass. —
A whale watch and deep sea fishing excursions are the latest innovations in Camp Bournedale's nearly 50 years of boys' summer recreation.

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He added: "It was a memorable occasion for the boys, and contributed to the feeling of excitement and closeness that they have gotten here from the start."

Bournedale, which draws campers from the Jewish communities of France, England, and South America, as well as the U.S. and Canada, was founded on Cape Cod by Arnie Gerson's parents in 1939.

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The camp's Canadian contingent has increased in recent years, he said.

For more information, write Gerson at Camp Bournedale, RFD #5, Plymouth, Mass., U.S.A., 02360, or phone (617) 888-2634.

North Africa record

Allies kept anti-Semitic laws

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —
The plight of North African Sephardi Jewry during World War II did not end with the arrival of Allied forces in the region in 1942, according to a leading scholar on the subject.

Michel Abitbol, an author of two books on the history of North African Jewry, says that for a year following their arrival, Allied forces maintained the anti-semitic laws and policies enacted by the French Vichy government in Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia.

Their eventual dismantlement, he says, was largely a result of outside pressure by the American Jewish community.

In two lectures (in French and English) co-sponsored by six Jewish organizations and Concordia University, Abitbol, a Hebrew University professor currently on sabbatical at Yale University, dispelled several of the myths surrounding the status of North African Jewry during the Holocaust. Until recently, he said, their situation was shrouded by misconceptions.

As far as the Allies were concerned, American interests lay in perpetuating the infamous "statute des Juives" laws, which included labor camps, the exclusion of Jews from public service, and the confiscation of property, Abitbol said.

The Allied view was that its forces knew little about the people and culture of North Africa. Implementing moves that would upset the status quo, the U.S. feared, could stir an Arab revolt in the region when it required the loyalty of its leadership.

Ironically, Abitbol noted, Jews were the major factor in the North African resistance against the French puppet government of Marshal Henri Philippe Petain.

Exploited sentiments

Seldom realized, Abitbol said, is the fact that the Vichy laws were established autonomously, independent of any external pressure by Germany, in a region with a well-established anti-semitic tradition.

French authorities had long been aware of the anti-Jewish bias of the local North African leadership and public opinion, and exploited those sentiments for their own purposes. The Jews believed that the policies against them were prompted by the Germans, but this was not the case, Abitbol added.

Interestingly, Abitbol said that Arab sympathy for Germany in North Africa was not linked to ideological support of Nazism, but rather to a perception of Germany as an anti-colonial power in regard to French control of the area.

Anti-Jewish feeling, Abitbol believes, was based mostly on the tenets of Islam and the fact that Jews, being more open to the French culture than the Arabs, were considered favored by the pre-Vichy government. That's why the effects of the anti-Jewish measures were initially more obvious to the assimilated North African Jews, close to 3,000 of whom worked in the civil service.

Abitbol's main conclusion is that while comparing the situation of Jews in North Africa with those in Europe "risks comparing the incomparable," the differences mainly lay in the degree to which Germany could apply its policies.

Although more North African Jews died during the Constantine pogrom in 1934 than during World War II, this was due to the inability of Germany to enact the final, inexorable stage of its anti-Jewish policies.

Had the Allied forces not arrived when they did, Abitbol said, "North African Jews would have had a far worse fate."

After 1943, Abitbol said, North African Jews, having lived "at the edge of the Holocaust," left the region by the thousands. Morocco, which in relative terms treated the Jews with the most tolerance during that period, still has a population of 15,000 Jews.

For Jews there, Abitbol believes, the war years left a legacy that fostered a new awakening among them, including a Zionist spirit.

Abitbol's lectures were sponsored by the Holocaust Remembrance Committee; Canadian Jewish Congress (Quebec region); Concordia University; Jewish Public Library; B'nai B'rith League for Human Rights (Eastern region); Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre; and the Young Adult Division of Allied Jewish community Services.

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Gold named chancelor of Concordia University

MONTREAL —

Quebec Superior Court Chief Justice Alan Gold has been named chancelor of Concordia University, becoming the first Jew to hold that title in a Quebec university.

Gold, 69, succeeds W. Earle McLaughlin, the former chairman and chief executive officer of the Royal Bank of Canada. He will serve a 5-year term.

"I feel great and I feel honored," Gold said after Concordia board of governors chairman D. W. McNaughton made the announcement following a recent board of governors meeting.

As the titular head of the university, Gold's duties will be largely ceremonial, but he will be free to offer advice to the university's senior administration, make speeches, and attend meetings. He will also preside at convocation ceremonies.

Gold said he would "listen and learn" before offering an opinion at university meetings, but "knowing me, I'll be giving opinions left, right, and centre before long."

Mediated sensitive labor conflicts

Gold has been both a university professor and administrator. Between 1957 and 1971, he was a lecturer at the faculty of law at McGill University, and in 1982 was named the faculty's scholar-in-residence. Gold joined McGill University's board of governors in 1974 and served as its chairman from 1978 to 1982. He was named the university's Governor Emeritus in 1984.

The new Concordia chancelor received a BA from Queen's University in 1938 and a law degree from the Universite de Montreal in 1941 and, later, honorary degrees from both those universities and McGill.

During his career, Gold earned a national reputation for his conciliatory skills in mediating some of Canada's most contentious labor conflicts in the public and private sectors. They included disputes in the railway, construction, and airline industries, and at Canada Post and the Royal Canadian Mint.

Those talents were recognized at a provincial level, when he served as chief arbitrator in provincial labor negotiations from 1966 to 1983, and between the Maritime Employers and International Longshoremen's association from 1967 to 1975. In 1985, Gold was named an officer of the Order of Quebec.

Before his appointment as Quebec's first Jewish Superior Court chief justice in 1983, Gold served as associate chief judge of the Quebec Provincial Court from 1965 to 1970, and as chief judge of the Provincial Court from 1970 to 1983. He was also a founding director of the Legal Aid Bureau of Montreal, and was president of the Judicial Council of Quebec from 1978 to 1983.

Gold said he would spend about 10 hours per week at his new post, and that the position would not interfere with his responsibilities as chief justice.

He said that Concordia should stress areas for which it has earned a strong reputation, and cited the university's "special role" through the years in providing an education for mature students.

McGill and Concordia universities complement each other, he said, the latter becoming through the years much more than a "university of second chance, as it used to be known."

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Organizations and People

Educator expands edition

Information a boon for teachers

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

Veteran educator Rabbi Akiva Egozi's newly expanded edition of Derachim Vaderech B'Chinuch (Pathways in Education) is a mine of practical pedagogical information for Hebrew program teachers and administrators.

Egozi, education consultant to Associated Hebrew Schools, was awarded the Jerusalem Prize two years ago for his longtime contribution to education in the Diaspora and Israel.

Egozi's large format red softcover discusses a variety of topics, including:

- Teaching Hebrew, and Hebrew as the language of instruction.
- Traditional education's role in supporting religious faith.
- The best way of teaching Scriptures.
- New methods of teaching Talmud developed in Israel.
- Encouraging independent study and student initiative.
- Minimizing student knowledge loss over the summer holidays.

The book tackles the basics of employing long and short term objectives in establishing a Hebrew curriculum and organizing lesson units. Guidelines are offered in instilling the basics of Hebrew composition, including paragraph development.

Sample lesson plans, exercises and schedules are included throughout.

The manual's emphasis is on day schools, but many of its lessons apply to supplementary education as well.

A section on staff relations offers concise detailed advice on helping new teachers adjust and develop, with optimum — not necessarily maximum — administrative guidance. The whys and hows of best evaluating teacher performance are also presented.

In his introduction, Chaim Chaniel, a leading educator in the World Zionist Organization's Torah education department, commends the book as among the "most outstanding" of Jewish education publications. Some of its presentations appeared as articles in Hebrew-language magazines in Israel, North America, and Europe.

Egozi's previous publications include a 1,000-page curriculum for Hebrew schools and yeshivot, one of the world's most detailed guides in day school education.

A detailed chapter by chapter table of contents serves in place of an index.

The book is written in a Hebrew style that this reviewer finds much clearer and easier to follow than some pedagogical tracts in English that he has come across. A Hebrew teacher would presumably find it a breeze.

Derachim Vaderech B'Chinuch, $25, is available at Jewish book stores, or through Egozi at (416) 789-9363.

Rabbi Akiva Egozi

6-year-old in Paris hospital

Student helps young Israeli

By
SHEILA DROPKIN

TORONTO —

Jennifer Wyman, a 22-year-old York University student, left Israel this past summer with wonderful memories, a sense of direction and accomplishment and a mission . . . to try to help 6-year-old Nir Ben Adon, one of "her" patients at the Shaare Zedek Medical Center, Jerusalem.

Jennifer, who had been a volunteer for the summer in the pediatric dialysis department at Shaare Zedek, was fond of all the 12 children being treated there but was particularly taken with Nir, whom she calls "a special kid; he's so cute."

Knowing the generosity of her fellow Torontonians, Jennifer hopes that they will help her help the Ben Adons out of their predicament.

A graduate of CHAT, Jennifer also attended Hebrew University during the 1983-84 school year. She had been uncertain about her plans for the future and felt that a summer of volunteer service at a hospital would help her make a decision. So positive was her Shaare Zedek experience, that Jennifer has decided to continue on in medicine.

She asks that anyone interested in helping Nir and his family contact her at (416) 633-6837.

Jennifer Wyman and Nir Adon

Funds running out

Nir's kidney problem was diagnosed about three years ago, Jennifer believes, and he'd been dialyzing at Shaare Zedek ever since. Eligible for a transplant, he had been waiting for over a year for a new kidney and was wait-listed in Paris as well as Israel. His family had raised $20,000 to cover the cost of the procedure in the event it was done out of Israel.

As luck would have it, the call came from Paris in January and Nir and his father flew to France, leaving mother and baby brother behind, ready to join them after the surgery.

Unfortunately, the new kidney transplanted into the child did not take immediately and he's still in hospital, in a special intensive care unit where the charge is $720 U.S. per day, rather than the $300 the family had budgeted. Mother and brother are still in Israel and the family fears their funds will disappear before Nir is ready to return home — hopefully with a kidney in working order.

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Organizations and People

Discrimination not proven

Teacher loses case against school in Montreal

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
A former Jewish day school teacher, who claimed he was dismissed from his job because he is an evangelical Christian, has lost his case in Quebec Superior Court.

Judge Orville Frenette ruled that Bialik High School acted within its rights in not renewing the contract of Michael Cutler after a 2-year probationary period.

Frenette also ruled that Cutler's lawyer Irwin Liebman had not proven his client had been the victim of discrimination because of his religious practice or that the school had abused its rights.

Cutler had sued Jewish People's Schools & Peretz Schools (the system to which Bialik belongs) for $95,000 for lost income, damage to his reputation and morale suffering. He also asked the court to order the school to declare his competence as a teacher.

Cutler taught art at Bialik for two school years beginning in September, 1981. He claimed he was let go because the school administration found out he was the leader at McGill University of the Navigators, an evangelical Christian group, after the appearance of a very critical article on the Navigators in the McGill Daily in October, 1982.

The school, represented by lawyer Guy Dufour, maintained that Cutler was dismissed because he had demonstrated an insufficient knowledge of Jewish holidays and traditions and had not successfully integrated Jewish content into the art program. Bialik felt it could find a teacher who could better carry out its educational goals.

The trial was held over three days in December.

In his 34-page judgment, Frenette cites lengthy jurisprudence in labor relations to support his conclusion that an employer can refuse to renew the contract of a probationary employee without giving grounds and that competence need not be the sole factor in reaching that decision.

In fact, the collective agreement between JPPS and the Federation of Teachers of Jewish Schools, Frenette said, does not require the school to show grounds for not renewing the contract of a probationary teacher.

Frenette states there is no doubt in his mind the appearance of the McGill Daily article, which criticized the "high powered" recruitment and indoctrination methods of the Navigators, sparked "resounding repercussions" at Bialik.

However, Frenette said the proof did not support Cutler's claim that he thereafter became the target of close surveillance to find out if he was proselytizing among the students.

Even if one may suspect that the real grounds for Cutler's dismissal were not the official ones offered by the school, this does not constitute a "preponderance of proof" of discrimination on the basis of religion, Frenette said.

He concluded that Bialik has the right to emphasize Jewish culture in its teaching and that deciding not to renew Cutler's contract because of insufficient Jewish content in his teaching was in keeping with that goal.

Frenette also dismissed Cutler's demand for a declaration of his competence as a teacher, calling it "superfluous" since the school had already stated that during the trial.

However, Frenette did not require Cutler to pay Bialik's legal costs of Bialik "in view of the very particular circumstances of this matter."

Cutler has 30 days to appeal, but Liebman indicated his client is not likely to pursue the case any further.

PBS will air Nazi Connection

BOSTON —
The controversial past of German scientists brought to head the U.S. rocket program after World War II will be aired on a Public Broadcasting System program, Frontline: The Nazi Connection, Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 9 p.m.

Based on newly released government documents and interviews with Germans and Americans, the program shows that wartime records of some German scientists were sanitized by U.S. officers to prevent questions about their use of slave labor to build the Nazi V-2 rocket complex in Nordhausen, Germany. More than 20,000 inmates died or were murdered there.

"Before dying, you were supposed to work, to bring something to Germany, and to keep a secret," said one survivor, Frenchman Yves Beon. Day after day, he says, "I saw maybe an average of 10 people killed just like that."

Col. Walter Rozamus, who helped comb Nazi Germany right after the war, said the Pentagon's primary question about each scientist was: "Is this man a security threat to our country? If he's not, and if he can do scientific work for us, bring him in."

Program launched to help children

TORONTO —
As part of Scout Week in Metro Toronto — running this week until Feb. 22 — a new community program has been launched to teach children how to deal with everyday situations.

Preparing For Today is a comprehensive booklet which is being distributed to all children in grades 2 to 6 in every public, private and separate school in Metro this week. It is designed to help youngsters know home and community, in an effort to make both a safer place to live.

It was designed to fulfil three primary objectives to help children and their families help themselves, according to Scouts Canada. The first is to assist families in developing self-reliant youth by creating self-esteem for the child, improve parent/child communications and give practical learning experience for children with guidance from a trusted adult. The second is to increase family involvement in Scouting and its programs and the third is to increase the visibility of Scouting's support of families and the communities in which they live.

The workbook covers six topics in easy to read language and answers questions, entertains and provides information that children need. Chapters include preparing to be at home which lists emergency telephone numbers, preparing to fix something to eat which shows how to boil water and handle knives properly, preparing for home safety and preparing to know your neighborhood.

While Preparing For Today is a national program, the Greater Toronto region, with its estimated 150,000 children in the targeted grade range, will be the largest region to distribute the workbooks and is the key area getting the program off to a flying start, according to Scouts Canada.

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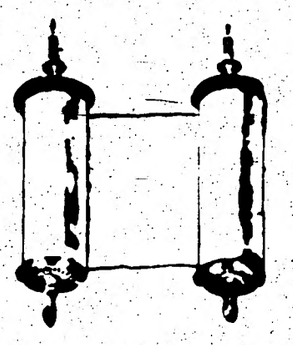

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Yitro

Marriage is not always easy, or in-laws. But a little humor helps.

A wealthy businessman's investments turned sour, and he was reduced to poverty.

He bemoaned his fate: "Now I understand the story in the Bible where Pharoah dreamed that he saw seven fat cows swallowed by seven skinny cows, and the skinny cows didn't become any fatter.

"I always wondered, how was that possible? Even in the wildest dream, skinny cows that swallow fat cows grow fat.

"But now I understand. I had these fat account books full of investments, and my wife's little bankbook swallowed them up — and it's still as skinny as before. . . ."

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Moses also had his problems. He freed the Jews from Egypt, took them across the Red Sea, fed them Heaven's manna, everything was going fine. . . .

And his father-in-law came to visit, Yitro.

But the verses are strange: "And Yitro came . . . to the wilderness where he (Moses) was encamped, the mountain of God."

Strange! Why did the Torah have to go into so much detail about where Yitro went to meet Moses? We **know** where Moses was. We know he was in the wilderness. We know that he was at the mountain of God. Where else would Moses be, in Miami?

But — explains the Chatam Sofer — it comes to teach about Moses. Wherever Moses was, that was where the mountain of God was! More than a place honors a person, "adam michabed et mikomo," a person honors the place!

Moses and the Jews were in a wilderness, not a shul. But Moses' presence, his holiness, his kavanot, his dedication, and his vision made it a mountain of God.

Today we live in a wilderness. Where do we see visions of holiness around us? In magazines? Magazines are filled with $800 suits and $25,000 cars. On our movie screens, on the TV, in the video stores? Not quite. In our newspapers? Filled with news of the cruelty of the world, whether it be the rebels butchering children in Sri Lanka, or atrocities in Lebanon, or unspoken viciousness in Latin America?

Where will we find holiness? In ourselves. In our own traditions. In our own Torah. In our own good deeds. Every Jew must live on his own mountain, walk, talk, laugh, sing, do business, interact, be part of the world . . . but live on our own mountain, our own Sinai.

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Yitro came to visit his son-in-law Moses, but he wasn't sure of the welcome he would get. "Tzay bigeenee . . . come out for my sake, and if not my sake, for the sake of your wife and children." (Rashi)

Come out! Yitro pleaded. Come out? Come out to where? To the road? To the field? Come out, where?

But — explains the Kotzker Rebbe — Yitro pleaded: "Come out, come down from your mountain! Come down from your heights, from your isolation with God. Come out, come down, come to a level where even a stranger like me can grab on, can touch you, can reach up also to know God and His ways."

Every Jew must be a Moses, a Law-giver to his brother and sister Jew. Until there is light and gladness and simcha and health for all mankind, Amen. Shabbat Shalom.

TJC annual meeting to take place May 21

TORONTO —

The 12th annual meeting of Toronto Jewish Congress takes place on Thursday, May 21 at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., starting at 7.30 p.m.

This year's meeting, says TJC president Ronald Appleby, will be the culmination of Focus Week and will feature in addition to a guest speaker, the presentation of the Ben Sadowski Award of Merit and Leadership Development Award.

Details will be announced at a later date, says Appleby.

One of largest kosher selections

Kwinter to open new Food City

By
JEFF ROSEN

VAUGHAN, Ont.— Monte Kwinter, Ontario minister of consumer and commercial relations, officially opens Food City's newest and largest store — featuring one of the largest kosher food selections in Canada — on Feb. 24.

Sam Crystal, vice-president of public affairs for Oshawa Foods which operates Food City, said Kwinter will take part in the opening along with heads of synagogues and Jewish organizations in the area. The following day, the 44,200 square foot store, located just north of Steeles at Clark and Hilda in the Spring Farm Marketplace, will open its doors to the public.

Designed to cater to the large observant Jewish population in and around the Spring Farm community, the supermarket includes a 5,000 square foot kosher food department with a separate koshering room with two salting tables, one soaking vat and one rinsing vat. To ensure that the kosher meat is kept separate from the meat designated for the non-kosher meat department, a separate entrance has been provided through which to bring the kosher meat.

The store has two bakeries which will produce all goods sold on the premises. While both will use kosher products, the non-kosher one will bake on Saturdays.

In the fish department, two tanks will allow customers to purchase the freshest fish possible. Live carp and trout will be stocked in the tanks and prepared for customers while they wait.

The store also carries a wide selection of kosher groceries and has a gourmet cheese department, a salad bar, a pizza and pasta case and a 5,000 square foot produce department.

The store's decor includes back lit ceilings that depict the various products sold in the department below.

The store will be open 24 hours a day from Monday at 7 a.m. to Saturday at 10 p.m.

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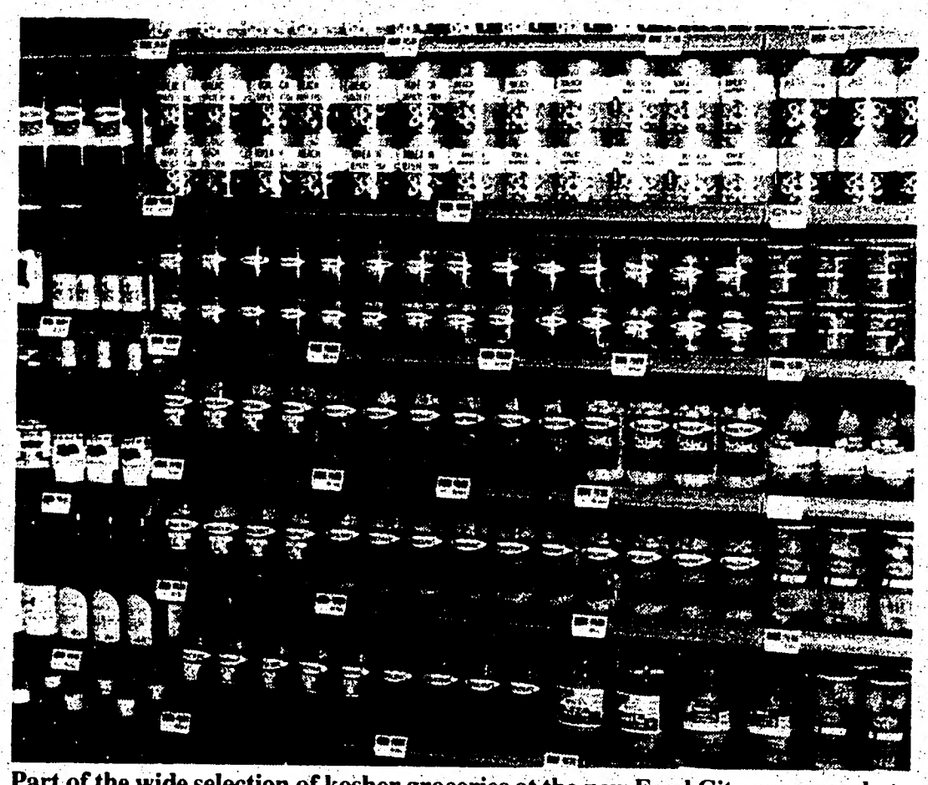

Part of the wide selection of kosher groceries at the new Food City supermarket. [Jeff Rosen photo]

Concert to aid Israel hospital

TORONTO —

Children's entertainer Doug Barr will perform at Holy Blossom Temple, this Sunday at 2.15 in a benefit concert for Alyn Hospital in Jerusalem, Israel's only orthopedic and rehabilitation centre for physically disabled children.

Doug Barr

Barr has been playing for children on stage, classrooms and TV for the past eight years. A record album *Play All Day* comprises his most popular songs.

"Doug's wide variety of high energy, foot stomping, hand clapping songs leave children singing all the way home," said a concert organizer. Barr has offered his services for the Feb. 22 event.

Tickets are $3.50 at Israel's, Negev, The Red Balloon, The Children's Book Stores, and at the door.

The concert launches fund raising activities on behalf of the hospital by the newly formed Friends of Alyn committee here, chaired by Valerie Sloman (416) 486-7308 or 486-9571.

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A drop in Arab influence

Netanyahu feels the UN "warmer" to Israel

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, Benyamin Netanyahu, and an information fair on Israel education opportunities recently lured even the most weather-weary past a ruthless winter storm.

The event was sponsored by Youth & Hechalutz, the Israel Aliyah Centre, Network, and Canadian Jewish Congresses' Community Action for Israel Committee.

It offered booths by Israel's universities and other educational organizations, literature on every program available, videotaped shows, and the ambassador.

And the more than 500 interested spectators who braved gusting winds, subzero temperatures and icy roads heard the eloquent author of Terrorism: How the West Can Win, surprisingly argue that the UN is much "warmer" to Israel than many Jews believe.

Netanyahu did not say the UN welcomes the Jewish State, but "it's just not as bad as it once was."

Each year, said the ambassador, speaking at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, ¼ of UN resolutions (about 30) are against Israel and for a long time there was no change in the number of negative votes. But for the last three years, the number of anti-Israel votes has declined.

And the drop in Arab influence is matched by increasing efforts by countries in the Soviet bloc to improve or establish relations with Israel.

Why the change ?

"The UN, even what it is, is a distant, dim reflection of the outside reality" and things are improving outside, said Netanyahu.

The Arab countries have lost their stranglehold on other countries once held through the power of their oil reserves, which, he said, could not be recovered even if prices increase.

"The political intimidation will not return. The decline of Arab oil blackmail power has a tremendous impact."

In tandem with that decline, Israel's expertise in agriculture, health, technology and terrorism is increasingly in demand.

And the value of Israel was also made apparent by the American experience in Lebanon, said Netanyahu. Because the U.S., for the first time in its history, put its prestige up against what was seen as a microcosm of the Arab world, a site of total chaos.

Viewed from that context, "Israel stands like a rock of Gibraltar in the shifting sands of the Arab countries and this subtle appreciation made a profound impact on many in the U.S. and the West."

This understanding had a great impact on the developing world, said Netanyahu. That strength is an asset and that Israel is strong caused a shift in thinking about Israel and terrorism.

"The West has encountered terrorism in ways it could not have predicted...and what they have discovered is that it is a form of warfare...that this is not just Israel's war but it is a common conflict."

And that perceptual change, he said, brings Israel to the point where its "international position is the strongest it has been since the founding of the state."

Netanyahu said he looked for the time when Israel might take its place comfortably among the rest of the world's nations, even though it is like no other nation in the world.

Israel is different, he continued, because it has not submitted to the historical dictum that civilizations are born, grow old and die.

The Jewish people are unique, because having lost their homeland they did not follow the pattern of other nations by either assimilating as a body or conquering a new land.

Jews decided to remain Jews and held out for their own land, "and we didn't get weaker, we got stronger."

"Open your heart"

But, "history is not going to give the Jewish people another chance...and if we don't make it on this go, we are not going to have another one."

The Jewish people almost died in the Holocaust, and the nation cannot live without its vital centre, said Netanyahu.

"If Israel will not exist, the Jewish people will not exist, but without the Jewish people, Israel will not exist.

"Before anything, you have to open your heart and say a simple statement. I am a Jew. I am proud to be a Jew.

"The highest way to open your heart is to come to Israel...and flat out I'd like you to stay there, but if you come back be a living bridge to the heart and body."

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Following his formal presentation, Netanyahu answered questions from the floor on a variety of current events. The following are some of his responses.

• On his definition of a Zionist:

"It means to me the affiliation of Jews and non-Jews with the rise of the State of Israel. The highest (expression) of Zionism is is aliya."

• On the Iran affair:

"Iran has become one of the most dangerous states of our time," observed Netanyahu. And the situation there could lead either to greater exporting of radical fundamentalism or in the case of Soviet incursion, a Communist state on Israel's doorstep.

Israel's hope was to encourage a more moderate group to gain power, but then the issue of the hostages was brought in as a test of policy change. Unfortunately, the hostages became linked to arms sales, and the West's anti-terrorism stance was compromised.

Benyamin Netanyahu

The solution, said Netanyahu, is to return to that strategy of strength because without it the West can be divided and conquered.

• On whether Israel's policy of not trading prisoners for hostages has been compromised, and what should be done about the latest demands:

When the government exchanged terrorist prisoners for Israeli soldiers in 1985, said Netanyahu, there was a crucial difference. The number of Israeli PoWs was specific; the supply of civilians is limitless.

The second point, he argued, is that the home offices of numerous terrorist groups in Lebanon are in Teheran and Damascus, and the purpose of terrorism is to confuse the West with a myriad of groups and ultimately drive it out of the Middle East.

That means, said Netanyahu, the West must take common action on terrorism and "not look for the needles in the haystack."

• On oppressed Jewry, is Israel doing enough:

"These Jews are a target," said Netanyahu. "None of us is doing enough right now to secure their release."

Half of the Jewish political prisoners in the USSR were put there during the reign of Gorbachev. So the Jewish issue has become a barometer, a litmus test of Soviet sincerity about adopting a new attitude.

They may let out more Jews if people are not fooled by their claims of change.

• On Israel-South Africa ties:

"Our policy vis-a-vis apartheid is utter condemnation...if you're Jewish it's repugnant, but because you disapprove of a regime does not mean you have no relations with it."

Why, he asked, has so much attention been focused on Israel-South Africa ties, when other countries' relations are so much more extensive.

It is because there is no more horrendous charge to make against a country than to call it racist, and the accusations against Israel are simply an extension of the Arab "Zionism is racism" campaign.

And the anti-apartheid committee at the UN, stated Netanyahu, has traditionally been controlled by the Arabs. But the facts, he said do not bear out the criticism.

According to UN reports, Israel has no nuclear connections with South Africa. Its trade with South Africa is about $120 million per year.

But according to UN documents and those of Lloyd's registry of shipping, Arab oil business (alone) with South Africa amounts to no less than about $2 billion. "And these guys have the audacity to accuse us of having trade with South Africa."

• On Israel's internal demographic problems and the effect this will have on its democratic nature:

The assumption that Israel would either be Jewish or democratic began after the Six Day War ended, and Israel had a huge Arab population on its hands, said Netanyahu.

But the Israeli Bureau of Statistics found the assumption is incorrect, that Arabs are leaving the area, and their birthrate is in relative decline.

There will always be a large Arab population in Israel so Israelis will have to learn to live with them, but once the Arabs inside and outside accept that Israel is permanent, Netanyahu stressed, there will be social peace.

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Organizations and People

Toronto cantor hired as consultant

Lewis plays an Orthodox Jew in TV movie

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
Jerry Lewis is known for his unwavering support in the fight against muscular distrophy. However, when this multifaceted entertainer was in Toronto recently, it wasn't to launch a telethon on behalf of this chronic disease, but to "Fight For Life" against epilepsy.

Lewis and co-star Patty Duke were recently in town filming *Fight for Life*, directed by Elliot Silverstein. The film, which is Lewis' first TV-movie, will air March 23 on ABC.

The true story, set in Columbus, Ohio in 1977, revolves around an Orthodox Jew, Dr. Bernard Abrams, played by Lewis, and his battle to save the life of his 6-year-old adopted daughter Felice who is suffering from epileptic seizures. Duke, president of the Screen Actors Guild, plays his wife Shirley.

Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum from Adath Israel Congregation in Toronto, who was hired as a consultant to ensure the Jewish scenes were authentic, said the film focuses on the concept of Pikuach Nefesh (Saving an Endangered Life).

"We know that in Jewish law it's an acceptable principle — that we sometimes put aside a law in order to achieve the ultimate end," he said.

When Abrams' daughter Felice, played by Jaclyn Bernstein, begins to experience about 15 seizures a day, she is rushed to the hospital where she undergoes a number of tests. While seemingly alright for the next couple of months, she suddenly falls to the floor with violent seizures during a Sabbath dinner.

Abrams discovers there is a drug called Valproate in England that has been used successfully for 10 years to treat a form of epilepsy that sounds as if it could help Felice. However, when he attempts to get it he is turned down by every doctor because it is illegal in the U.S.

In a crucial scene filmed at Wingfield Racquet Club, Abrams wonders if adopting Felice was a mitzvah, then why would God do what he is doing.

"What's the purpose of all this, Bob?" he asks a friend. "This is an innocent little girl. Adopting her was our mitzvah... What are we supposed to do Bob? She's dying in front of our eyes. How could God put this child in our hands, just to destroy her?"

He later realizes that there are 200,000 other kids in America who have this same type of epilepsy and don't have the money to go to England to get the needed drug. He finds the only way he is going to help his daughter is by going to England.

Just before leaving for London with his family and his best friend who is a Catholic priest, Abrams is offered the drug on a compassionate-use basis by U.S. authorities. However he decides it is morally incorrect to take the drug for themselves while other children with the same form of epilepsy have to suffer.

"If a child loses its mind, isn't it, in a sense, losing its life? The Talmud says that to save a life we can put aside rigid laws and apply the moral principle.

"Is it right for Felice to get the drug here, and have a chance for a normal life, if the other children don't get the same chance? Does that seem right to you? Don't we have an obligation to do something to try to save the others? Isn't it a mitzvah Shirley?"

Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum (centre) with Jerry Lewis and Patty Duke, stars of Fight For Life.

With the help of his friend, 5,000 boxes of the drug are smuggled back home to help other children suffering from epilepsy.

While sounding like a typical Hollywood plot, the story has a happy ending. Felice survives and today, at age 16 is doing fine. The drug was eventually legalized in the U.S.

As well as a number of Jewish actors in the film, the Jewish presence was strongly felt both in the storyline and on the set.

Cantor Kirshblum said he trained the "son" to recite a few lines of his bar mitzvah haftorah and instructed Patty Duke in lighting Shabbat candles in a scene he described as "meticulous.

"You often hear that Hollywood is not sensitive to the Jewish question or Jewish themes and that is what impressed me about the film," Kirshblum said. "You can see the neshama that is coming through in every aspect of the shooting, not only from those that are Jewish but from non-Jews as well.

" You take a woman like Patty Duke who is not just playing it as a role, but you can see the zeal to capture the authenticity of Jewish spirit and concept. You'll never think of her as Patty Duke. Instead, you will see a Yiddisha mama standing there lighting candles and you'll see Jerry (Lewis) not as the kibitzer as he is often portrayed, but as an intense and serious middle-aged optometrist."

Irv Wilson, executive producer of the film, said that when Lewis was sent the original script, which didn't have as much of the "Jewishness" as the final version, the actor was "enormously moved.

"He never does TV except for his own telethon and what obviously attracted him was his basic philosophy of trying to save kids which this piece is about," Wilson said. "He also has a chance to play a character other than Jerry Lewis. He has been an absolute jewel and wonderful to the cast. He jokes on the set and makes you feel good."

Wilson said the film was shot in Toronto due to its similarity to Columbus, Ohio, as well as the strong dollar and "terrific pool" of actors and craftsmen. The film includes a large Canadian cast including Cec Linder as one of the doctors who frustrates Abrams in his search for a remedy for Felice.

As well as using Wingfield, the film was shot in a home in the Islington area, at the Windsor Arms Hotel and at the Ontario Science Centre. The latter location was used to recreate American customs at Boston airport.

The First Narayever Congregation was also used to depict a synagogue in Birmingham, England. Lewis was so interested in the shul that he became its newest member.

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Leo Baeck Day School reaches its bar mitzvah

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
The increased excitement around Leo Baeck Day School, the only Reform day school in Canada, is directly connected to the celebration of the school's bar mitzvah year at Holy Blossom Temple on Sunday, March 1.

Acting director Karen Friedman reports that the whole school has been preparing for the event, in which all the children will participate.

They will read from the Torah, recite poetry they have written themselves, and present a prayer they have created. The service will be, according to Friedman, a "celebration of learning."

Alumni and others associated with the school in the past, as well as those currently involved, have been invited. There will be ample opportunity for socializing and reminiscing.

Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld, one of the founders of the school, will speak, as will Rabbi Gunther Plaut, who will give an insight into Leo Baeck, whom he knew personally.

Leo Baeck Day School was founded by a number of Reform rabbis and lay people. Starting out at Temple Emanu-El in 1974 with a staff of 16 and a student body of 140 from junior kindergarten to grade 3, it is now housed at what was formerly Kenton St. public school in the Finch-Bathurst area, and has grown to a staff of 41, teaching 484 children from junior kindergarten to grade 8.

Friedman explains that the school is structured differently from most day schools. The goal is to present "an integrated curriculum, in which students are exposed to Judaic studies through the day, not just in Hebrew classes."

Accordingly, the day is split into three parts: one part social studies, science and math; one part language arts, and one part Hebrew.

French is taught every day from kindergarten on. Physical education and music play important roles in the curriculum, and drama, art and typing are available as the students grow older.

There are many special events at the school. The annual science fair this year will be a bit different, says Friedman, with students doing most of the preparation not at home but in class "as an opportunity to share discoveries with each other." Grade 2 children have a Torah celebration, at which they present skits and songs to their parents and grandparents, and are presented with the book from which they studied.

Another feature is the monthly Rosh Chodesh service, to which different rabbis are invited as guests. A breakfast follows, which is very popular with the students.

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Newcomers' book introduces Ontario

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A book designed to help newcomers learn about and how to use services available to them in Ontario has just been published in a substantially revised and updated English version.

Titled Newcomers Guide To Services In Ontario, the publication will assist immigrants in their efforts to adjust and integrate into Ontario society.

Coming to a new country can be an overwhelming experience filled with confusion and a feeling of isolation, Minister of Citizenship and Culture Lily Munro said.

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"Urgent" problems cited

Amal school's aging facilities need renovation

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
Israel's Amal schools, a network of mainly vocational schools that train manpower for industry, are becoming dilapidated and their equipment obsolete, according to Reshet Amal chairman Uri Agami.

At least half of the 121 Amal schools are in need of major renovations to their physical structure or technological upgrading. Some of the buildings are close to 60 years old.

Sixteen schools built by the Montreal-based Eldee (Lady Davis) Foundation are facing "urgent" problems, said Agami, who is on a North American tour through February, which has included stops in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

The Canadian Friends of Amal would like to establish a fund to provide for the perpetual care of its projects, which also include the new Bernard M. Bloomfield Amal Aviation Vocational Training School at the Ramat David air force base and a future automotive trades school at Bet-Naballa, near the Lod Airport, which will be named for the late Max Raymond of Montreal, a longtime supporter of the local Histadrut campaign.

At a reception during Agami's visit to Montreal, it was announced that the Canadian Friends of Amal will hold a dinner in honor of Minister of State for Immigration Gerry Weiner this year to raise funds for the Bet-Naballa school.

Like other educational institutions in Israel, Amal has been affected by government budgetary cutbacks and is seeking more outside sources of support. Canada is one of the few countries that has a formal "Friends" organization. (The United States only recently followed suit.)

Currently, a significant amount of Amal's private support has come from non-Jewish sources, Agami said. This past year, for example, West Germany's Friedrich Eberet Fund, named after the post-World War I Weimer president, pledged that it would allocate one million marks to Amal over a 3-year period.

The main purpose, however, of Agami's visit was to make the community more aware of Amal (meaning "work" in Hebrew), which operates 121 schools teaching 35,000 students from the age of 14 up.

The network consists of not only comprehensive and vocational high schools, but apprentice schools attached to industries where students split their time between work and study, technological streams within agricultural settlement schools, colleges for technicians and practical engineers, and adult training centres.

Agami noted that Amal works closely with industry, training students in specific areas to fill any shortage workers.

Although the organization's educational system was founded in 1929 by Histadrut, the general labor federation in Israel, Amal now has a separate administration and Histadrut is just one of its sources of funding, Agami said.

"What makes Amal unique is that it offers all young people, no matter what their background or ability, the opportunity to receive an education which will allow them to become valuable members of society," he said. "Our schools accept children no other schools do."

Many of the youths who attend Amal did not receive a formal education in their childhood, and have no chance of fitting into the framework of regular vocational training, let alone finding an occupation. Some of the students were illiterate when they came to Amal. Last year, it launched a successful program to teach Ethiopian immigrants factory skills, a first of its kind project.

Demand for the type of education Amal offers is growing, Agami noted. Since he became chairman in 1981, three new schools have been built and 15 schools have been absorbed into Amal from other systems.

"Amal sees itself as having a mission: not only to provide a high quality vocational education, but to teach the values of work and respect for the working man," he said. Social and sports activities are an important component of an Amal education as a means of instilling these values and unifying students from its different schools.

ADL directory lists Refuseniks

NEW YORK —
In conjunction with B'nai B'rith International Mobilization Day for Soviet Jewry in 43 countries on Feb. 26, the organization's Anti-Defamation League has published and is distributing a nearly 5-pound book listing the names of 11,000 Soviet Jews who have been repeatedly refused permission to emigrate.

Titled A Uniquely Jewish List: The Refuseniks of Russia, the telephone book-sized volume is being sent to members of Congress, the U.S. state department and other federal officials and will be read at the U.S. rallies.

According to an ADL spokesman, the list, which is the same as the one handed over to Soviet officials by the American delegation during the Reykjavik Summit last fall, includes only those Soviet Jews who have been turned down by the kremlin more than once.

The 931-page compilation is being distributed to congressmen, federal officials, universities, research institutions, libraries and Jewish organizations.

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In Canada the day will be marked with a number of events involving "the full B'nai B'rith family," national Soviet Jewry president Michael Rosenberg has announced.

In Toronto, B'nai B'rith and the Ontario legislature's Committee for Soviet Jewry are jointly sponsoring a program at Queen's Park at 7 p.m. which will feature speeches by Michael Posner, national editor of Maclean's Magazine, and Genya Intrator, co-chairman of the Inter-Religious Task Force for Human Rights.

At 8 p.m. B'nai B'rith Hillel at the University of Toronto will hold a benefit dance at the El Mocambo entitled Rockin' for a Refusenik. The River Street Band will perform.

Hillel spokesman said proceeds will be used to support the Soviet Jewry movement as well as paying costs for a delegation March 5 to lobby key government officials in Ottawa.

Tickets for the evening are available from the U of T Hillel at 604 Spadina Ave. or by calling 923-9861.

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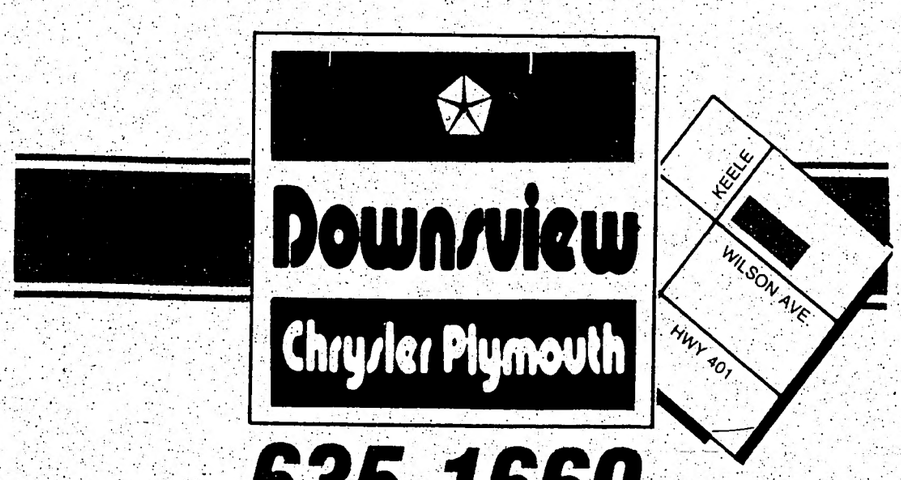

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Holocaust Awareness Week at York U

Hate groups need vigilance, panelists conclude

BY
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
Our lives may not be endangered by anti-semitism but the presence of hate groups in Canada requires constant vigilance to prevent another Holocaust.

That was the general message conveyed by a panel discussion on anti-semitism today sponsored by the Jewish Student Federation and the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity.

The discussion was part of a week-long program at York University marking Holocaust Awareness Week (Feb. 9-12).

Addressing himself to the rise of anti-semitism after World War II, **Bernie Farber,** director of research for CJC's Joint Community Relations Committee (Ontario Region), said "the Ernst Zundel and James Keegstra affairs should not have surprised any of us."

Farber contended that Zundel and Keegstra are part of a long process whose roots extend back to Adrien Arcand and others.

However today, he said, many hate groups and individuals are open about their biases and defend them "under the guise of defending freedom of speech."

Such groups include the Canadian Association of Freedom Incorporated (CAFE) which has publicly compared Ernst Zundel with Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn; and Citizens for Foreign Aid Reform or C-FAR, a group actively trying to get Canadian support for South Africa.

And many of these groups incorporate two beliefs: Holocaust denial and a theology of hate, said Farber.

"Holocaust denial is the point and cutting edge of the anti-semitic trade in the 1980s."

While the trials of Zundel and Keegstra caused certain groups to coalesce and brought others out of the closet, concluded Farber, they are fragmented, on the periphery of society and have little effect on political life.

However, **Stanley Barrett,** University of Guelph professor of anthropology and author of God is a Racist: An Anthropological Study of the Organized Rightwing, Anti-semitism and Racism in Canada (slated to be published in August by University of Toronto Press) struck a more alarming note.

"If I was Jewish I'd be extremely apprehensive," said Barrett to The CJN following his formal presentation.

Barrett, who studied 130 right wing and anti-semitic and racist groups since World War II, says he interviewed every significant one he could find.

His analysis of the various groups shows that 102 have been established since the beginning of the 1970s including the Concerned Parents of German Descent and the Aryan Nations.

Members of such organizations are predominantly male, between age 20 to 40, of British or Eastern European background and exhibit some latent anti-semitism.

"A great number of the radical right, of people at the top were formerly left-wing oriented. I have never seen a switch from right to left."

Switch from left to right

And his data, claims Barrett, shows that contrary to accepted belief many of the members have been to technical school, college or university. This has significant implications for those who believe lack of education is a root cause of the problem, the professor said.

"The right wing also sees a unison between Western civilization, aryan aspirations and the Christian faith. The deicide thing (the claim that Jews killed Christ) is absolutely at the heart of anti-semitism in Canada."

For some groups, said Barrett, even Christianity is not powerful enough to bind them and they have turned to arcane religions known as Odinism, Creativity, Black and Red Front and the Identity Church. All feature love of whites and hatred of all others as the essence of their belief.

But even if there are numerous anti-semitic hate groups, their activites are not manifested in reported incidents, according to officers **Mark Mendelson** and **Doug Bowerman** of the Metropolitan Toronto Police department's ethnic squad.

The squad was formed in 1983 after a rise in "occurrences" following Israel's invasion of Lebanon.

In the last 3½ years it has investigated not more than 20 confirmed reported racial incidents, said Mendelson.

These range from the low scale of mischief up to assault and bomb threats which are "not unique to the Jewish community." All incidents have one thing in common, said Mendelson, "they are very quick to commit."

And another common characteristic, he said, is that "in almost all cases, the racial overtone was the final result of another occurrence."

In the case of some incidents, said Mendelson "anti-semitic... yes. Threatening to the community ? No!"

And, noted Bowerman, (for the last 10 to 15 years) judges have been dealing much more severely with offences with racial overtones than with common crimes.

"It's vital that you report these offences to the police or we can't deal with them," said Mendelson.

Holocaust Awareness Week was the largest program of its kind in eight years, says Shari Feldman, program director for the JSF.

Organized by co-chairmen Reine Attar and Norman Akierman, and director of research Janice Bergman, the week was dedicated to the children of the Holocaust.

Hundreds of small colorful butterflies representing the murdered children, plus one 11 feet by 15 feet created by Joel Wengle, and a standup information display on Jewish history and the Holocaust filled a part of the university's main meeting area.

The symbolic theme was adopted from Pavel Friedmann's famous poem about the butterfly; and children from the Beth Tikvah branch of United Synagogue Day Schools made many of those on show.

Also part of the program were a candlelighting ceremony; a panel discussion on Jewish resistance during the war; a performance of the play, I Never Saw Another Butterfly; a lecture by Prof. Irving Abella on Canada and the Holocaust; and the presentation of a gift to Maria Jacobs, whose mother Lucie Mendelson-Wolsak hid Jews during the war.

Though reaction from Jewish and non-Jewish students was mostly positive, Feldman said even before the program began the JSF had received anti-semitic calls, posters were damaged, and the JSF office was spraypainted.

Organizers stayed with the display 24 hours every day to prevent vandalism.

The JSF will celebrate Israel Week March 9-12. For more information, phone 736-5178.

The opening ceremonies for the Jewish Student Federation's Holocaust Awareness Week dedicated to the children of the Holocaust brought together representatives of many different faiths and backgrounds. Handing flowers to Associated Hebrew Day Schools student Elayasaf Allman, 7½, are from left: Steven Wise, of York University's Excalibur newspaper; Joe Liang, Chinese Christian Bible Studies; Domonic Barber, Student Christian Movement; Danylo Darewych, York Ukrainian Student Association; Timothy Dugdale, Hispanic Student Association; and Nazanin Nassehi, Iranian Student Association.

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Bridal consultant eases headaches of a wedding

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Many families just don't know where to turn

Planning a wedding can be one of the most exciting times in the life of a bride and her mother. It can also be one of the biggest headaches.

Fortunately, however, with the right bridal consultant, relief is in sight.

Toronto bridal consultant Florence Wilder says that many families come to her overwhelmed at having to make a wedding. "They just don't know where to turn. They know they need a photographer, a florist, a band, a wedding gown and tuxedos but there is so much to choose from.

At the initial consultation Wilder discusses her client's taste in such things as music and flowers so she can make appropriate suggestions as to which professionals to hire. "I try to zero in on professionals who are qualified, but not terribly expensive, so wedding costs don't become astronomical."

She arranges for her clients to meet the professionals so they can make the final choice.

If the bride desires, Wilder also arranges for her to attend a few wedding ceremonies so she can see various floral arrangements and bridal gowns.

After the bridal family has chosen their florist, photographer and band it is time to think about gowns and tuxedos. Another headache? Not if the bridal consultant can guide them as to what colors are appropriate for the season and give them names of fashion houses that specialize in bridal fashions.

"I try not to interfere if the bride has a specific dress or color scheme in mind but if I think whatever she has chosen doesn't work I will give suggestions," says Wilder.

After the bridal and bridesmaid gowns have been chosen the consultant can help coordinate tuxedos. "I usually suggest black. It is an all-time color, never dated and matches everything," says Wilder.

Even with all the arrangements out of the way, the day of the wedding can be the biggest headache of all unless a bridal consultant is there to help things run smoothly.

With the consultant at the hall to arrange for flower delivery, gather everyone together for pictures and help the bride and her bridal party get dressed, there really is nothing for anyone to do except enjoy.

Wilder also has an endless supply of aids in her satchel ranging from a steamer to uncrease the bride's train, to extra pantyhose, Tums and aspirins for anyone who can't take all the excitement.

Even the dinner and reception is made easier as the consultant sees that the lights are dimmed to create just the right effect, orchestrates speeches, and just makes sure everyone has a good time.

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Fashion

Minimi offers high fashion for the younger set

Alison's dress of cotton/polyester is from Kiddiz Paris. Everett's navy shortall is by Petit Bateau, shirt by Absorba and Stummer socks. From Minimi. (Marie-Josee Crete photo)

Alison wears a 1-piece "deux par deux" of 100% cotton and Clayeux multicolor cotton blend sweater. Everett sports pants and shirt by Bourget and 100% cotton red Stummer T-shirt. From Minimi. (Marie-Josee Crete photo)

Designer imports from Europe join Canadians

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

Minimi, on Yonge St. north of Fairlawn, appears at first to be just another nice children's wear store, but step inside past the discreet bottle green entrance and you are in a world of high fashion for the young set.

In keeping with their logo, "the very best for children," owners Doug and Martha Findlay carry designer imports from France, England, Italy and Austria, as well as the finest produced by Canadian houses.

They cater to the very young, limiting sizes from newborn to 6X, preferring says Doug, "to do something very well," and he adds, "we offer a large selection; it's one of our strengths."

The range is from funky to trim tailored.

As parents of two sons and a daughter, the Findlays are well aware that boys' clothing is often mundane, and they search out items which have flair, giving equal attention to boys and girls.

New for spring is a boy's 3-piecer — black denim overalls and jacket with red trim and a coordinating striped top, very French, also girls' balloon coveralls in light blue and bright orange. On display too, are sumptuous party dresses, plus innovative cruise and warm weather wear.

"Our customers come here looking for style," notes Martha. "However they soon discover that what we sell is style with quality, and that brings them back!"

These are not average garments, and they are priced accordingly. A custom-look English wool coat can sell for anywhere from $85 to $200, boys' pants and tops may be individually ticketed at $100, dresses are from $30 to $150. But the designs are exciting, the fabrics superior.

When the Findlays opened their shop in March 1986, they expected to draw clientele from the immediate neighborhood, but they find families, and of course grandparents, coming as well from areas as far flung as Thornhill and Richmond Hill, Rosedale and Forest Hill.

Minimi is not only a clothing store. A comprehensive collection of toys and accessories is also stocked.

Sweden exports the attractively functional Baby Bjorn products — front carriers, bouncy chairs, folding canvas and wood cribs. Ambi of Holland sends high quality plastic toys — mobiles, cars, rattles.

There is an emphasis on playthings which challenge the imagination rather than simply performing mechanically for youngsters.

Educo Services of Sherwood Park, Alberta, markets "super mazes," wonderful coils of protectively coated wires set in sturdy wooden frames and strung with variously colored and shaped beads. Tots from one year to at least six, have hour after hour of fun while developing language, motor and muscular skills.

Baby toiletries from Crabtree and Evelyn in London England, are also available.

The Minimi concept is to have everything under one roof, from underwear and sleepwear to a complete inventory of outerwear.

Now being introduced is a dazzling array of shoes and boots, mainly from France and Italy.

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There's a wide selection of shoes this spring for all members of the family as can be seen in this selection from The Shoe Bag. (Marie-Josee Crete photo)

Out of Africa influence

Khaki the color for footwear

By
LORI SMITH

Metallic trims, bows and Out - of - Africa - South - Pacific colors are the earmarks of shoe fashion this spring and summer.

Ted Gladstone, owner of The Shoe Bag on Eglinton Ave. W., says that the season's most important color in footwear is khaki, a shade which is the perfect complement to the earth tone and vegetable colored clothes available in the stores.

Earth tones

"It's not simply the Out-of-Africa influence but part South-Pacific-tropical and part out-of-the-jungle. Earth tones, Palm Beach neutrals, olive, vegetable colors and khakis — which range from light taupe to light brown with the characteristic green tinge — are all important."

In addition, last year's all-over metallics have been replaced by styles with silver or gold trim or irridescent washes that augment the shoe's color. Black and white combinations remain significant, and pastels, black patent and white shoes are also important.

Finally, the bright colors which were very popular last spring and summer have given way to more muted shades like peach and seafoam. But a true red shade is emerging very slowly.

Gladstone says that at his store, which offers customers fashion footwear from Italy, Spain and Brazil by such designers as Bandolino, Gloria Vanderbilt, Andrew Geller, Beene Bag, Sesto Meucci, Evan Picone, Stefane Kelian, Van Eli, Hocus Pocus and Enzo Angiolini, flats remain strong as women are now comfortable wearing them with skirts and dresses as well as with very casual clothes. But, the fashion mid-heel is the most significant shoe.

"In Canada, the high heel is downplayed and the pump is the number one shoe in the dress category. This season they often have special silhouettes or details — a wavy top line, shelled out side, unusual sculpture to the heel, detail in the pattern or clip-on bows which make the shoe very versatile."

Shoe bows for spring and summer are smaller than they have been, but are just as effective whether they are worn to the side or front or back of the shoe.

Cutouts featured

The Shoe Bag offers them in 13 colors and considering their dominance in both ready-to-wear and designer collections, any wardrobe would benefit from the addition of one or more.

In flats, treatments are designed to lighten and often, to dress up the shoe. Several feature cutouts, woven detail, metallic pipe trim and covered rather than stacked heels.

More sporty shoes bear Aztec, African or South Pacific prints and patterns. The huarache remains a summer classic.

However, this year the skimmer-style flat is the shoe to have. The design, which features a very flat sole, closed back and often, an open toe, won designer Enzo Angiolini, the shoe-of-the-year award from Footwear News Magazine, the largest and most influential publication in the business.

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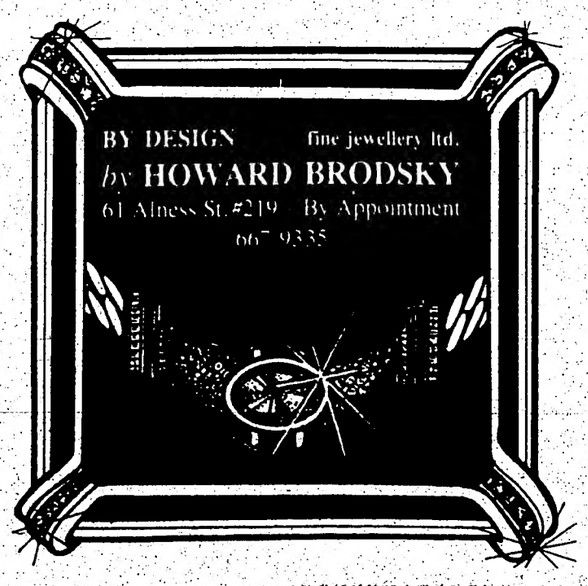

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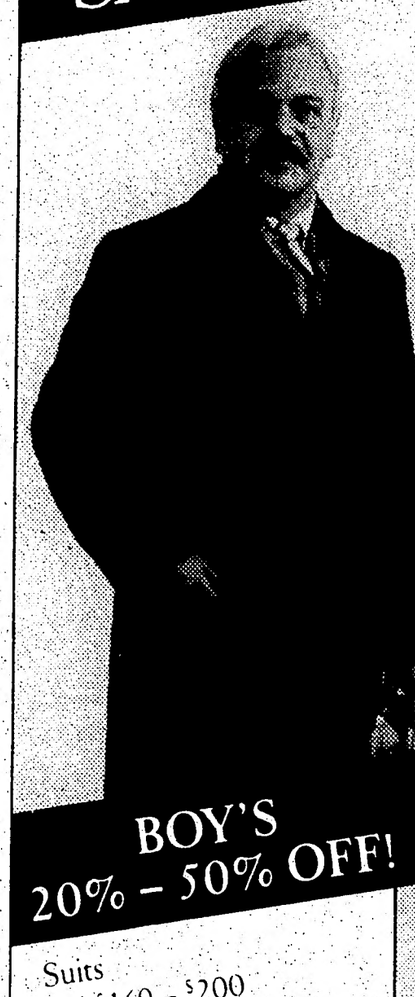

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Ron Oelbaum to be honored with tribute dinner

TORONTO —

Businessman Ron Oelbaum will be honored with a tribute dinner June 18 by the Toronto Branch of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University, branch president Sidney Chelsky has announced.

"Ron is being recognized for his dedicated leadership in the voluntary sector and business community," said Chelsky. "He has had a great impact on the advancement of the Toronto community, Israel and Ben-Gurion University.

Chelsky reported that Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres will serve as honorary chairman of the tribute committee. Martin Offman has been appointed dinner chairman for the event which will be held at the Inn on the Park.

Oelbaum, co-founder of Vector Management and owner of Corson Travel Service and Glo Tours Canada, for many years has devoted his voluntary efforts to the family service sector and social policy issues. He served as chairman of the Commission on the Family of the social planning committee of Toronto Jewish Congress. He co-chaired TJC's social policy committee and for several years chaired several planning and study committees.

Oelbaum served as treasurer and vice-president of Jewish Family & Child Services of Metropolitan Toronto, going on to becoming president of the agency. He served as chairman of its long-range planning committee for six years.

His 10-year involvement in the family services led to his being named a life member of the board of JF & CS. He is a past-president of the Ontario Association of Family service Agencies and a former board member of the American Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies.

Oelbaum's other strong interest goes back to his 1971 introduction to the needs of Ben-Gurion University. He became a national officer of the Canadian Associates, and served as president of the Toronto Branch and as a member of the university's board of governors.

He is also a member of B'nai B'rith. He is responsible for the founding of two lodges - Lower Canada Lodge in Montreal and the Aron Hart Lodge in Toronto. He served the latter as president and participated on the Toronto coordinating committee of B'nai B'rith Canada.

Oelbaum is also involved in the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation of Canada and is an officer of the Toronto Chapter.

He is a member of the board of governors of Mount Sinai Hospital, member of the board of directors of the Toronto Chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Sciences and member of the board of the directors of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Oelbaum is a past division chairman in the United Jewish Appeal. He has been a campaigner in the Special Gifts Division and has been group chairman for United Way.

He and his wife Annette have five children.

To participate in the Ron Oelbaum tribute dinner call the office 665-8054.

Ron Oelbaum, (right), who is to honored by the Toronto Branch of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University, is seen with branch president Sidney Chelsky (centre) and dinner chairman Martin Offman. [Graphic Artists photo]

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Self-help groups source of comfort

Lecture on widows, widowers provides answers

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Self-help groups can be a tremendous source of comfort for the recently bereaved widow or widower, says the program coordinator of the Wagman Centre.

"People who are going through the same thing as you know exactly how you feel and therefore are able to lend a lot of emotional support, says Tatiana Kuchinsky.

Kuchinsky was speaking recently at the Toronto Zionist Centre in a lecture sponsored by the Benjamin Institute for Community Education and Referral. The lecture, Widows and Widowers: Learning How to Live and Love Again, was one in a series on death and bereavement.

She told the capacity crowd that the group setting is ideal for many people because by hearing others talk, members can sort out what is useful to them and use the information to solve their own problems. "As well, members see similar problems in a different light," she said.

Kuchinsky added that in a self-help group members can discuss things they can't share with their family. "These groups give people the right to discuss such things as guilt and anger — things they may not want to talk about with their sons or daughters."

She said that support is a crucial ingredient in helping the bereaved change their status from being married to being a self-supporting individual.

"A group puts demands on you and forces you to change your role. If someone comes one week and says they would like to find a job, members will continue to ask how the job search is going and encourage them to keep looking for work. These demands help mobilize inner strength," she said.

One member of the audience spoke up in support of self help groups, saying that they are a good method of bringing the bereaved out of isolation. "So many widows and widowers sit home alone, refusing company and not answering the phone. These groups can be the first step in the long process back to normal life."

Kuchinsky agreed and said that even the one call to inquire about a group is a great emotional undertaking. "To make that call people must be ready to accept help," she said.

The speaker noted that those who are unwilling to participate in a group setting but would like help with the healing process should see an individual grief counselor. "No matter what method you use, it is essential to talk about what is on your mind. You must release pent-up feelings so you can move on," she said.

Self-help groups are available for widows and widowers at the Wagman Centre, 789-5131, and the Jewish Family & Child Service, 638-7800. For more information on the lecture series call Simcha Steven Paull, director of the Benjamin Institute for Community Education and Referral at 663-9060.

320 participants to perform at Israeli Dance Festival

TORONTO —

Once again bodies with swirl and spirits will soar at the 17th annual Rikudiyah, Israeli Dance Festival for children.

The festival, co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Centre and Board of Jewish Education, will be held Sunday, March 8, 1987 at 2.30 p.m. in the Tait McKenzie Gymnasium of York University, 4700 Keele St., North York.

More than 320 participants from 18 groups will give a display of the joy and excitement of Israeli folkdance, organizers say.

From its modest beginning 17 years ago in a small room at the Jewish Community Centre with 40 children, the festival has blossomed into a blue and white kaleidescope of dance at York University, accommodating performers and 1,000 spectators.

Participating Toronto schools include: Associated Hebrew School, Bet Sefer Solel, Beth Tikvah Congregational School, Bialik Hebrew Day School, Secular Jewish Association, Downtown Jewish Community School, Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, Shaar Shalom School, Temple Emanu-El Religious School, Temple Har Zion Religious School, Temple Sinai Religious School, United Synagogue Day Schools (Bayview and Bathurst Branches).

Out of town participating schools include: Windsor Jewish Community Centre, and London Jewish Community Centre and Hebrew Day School.

Special Performing Groups are: Bialik Hebrew Day School, Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto and Villagefolk Ensemble.

Admission is $2.50, children under 12 free.

For more information, call Teme Kernerman, 636-1880 ext. 234.

Focus Week opening "reshaped, modified"

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Due to the logistics and the cost involved in staging Focus Week at the northern Jewish Community Centre, the opening festival has been "reshaped and modified" with some activities being canceled, while others are expanded, others are expanded, Rupert Shriar, associate director of Toronto Jewish Congress, has announced.

Shriar said that despite advice from professionals from Expo and Harborfront, it was realized the logistics would pose numerous problems. Chief among these is the lack of sufficient parking at the JCC site.

He explained that if all activities that were planned for the Victoria Day weekend took place, there would be no parking spaces available at the JCC and Lipa Green Building. This would necessitate shuttle buses running from the Promenade shopping centre in the north and from Lawrence Plaza in the south into the area.

If the weather was bad or the parking lots at the malls were full, Shriar said there would be further difficulties.

The logistics of the site itself and the escalating cost of running a 2-day festival to kick off Focus Week also posed problems, Shriar said.

As a result the 2-day festival has been reduced to one day, which will take place Sunday, May 17, and will include a circus, amusement rides, a petting zoo, elephant and pony rides, fireworks and a Lag B'Omer bonfire.

Shriar said the planned showcase of Jewish agencies, schools, the three religious movements and United Way has been canceled, due to the cost. The showcase would have allowed the various groups to set up displays demonstrating the scope and nature of services they offer.

At the same time, the Jewish cultural arts exhibit is being enlarged.

Shriar said Focus Week will end with TJC's annual meeting which will be preceded by a reception for presidents, officers and executives of Jewish schools, agencies and institutions.

In between the two anchors, Jewish Women's Federation will hold its annual meeting with guest speaker Esther Leah Ritz, president of Jewish Welfare Board and past vice-president of the Council of Jewish Federations. There will also be a reunion of all past participants in the leadership development program, a program operated by United Jewish Appeal and a program run by the political liaison committee.

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"Words cannot express what this trip meant to me"

Families from small communities tour Israel

TORONTO —

Seven Jewish families from small Canadian communities recently returned from a 2-week Iraeli tour, organized to let them experience the Jewish state like their urban counterparts.

"Individuals and families outside metropolitan centres and/or well structured communities rarely have an opportunity to visit Israel in an organized group," explained Murray Schwartz, one of the tour's organizers. "It was for that reason the trip was designed."

The tour, the first of its kind, was coordinated by Canadian Jewish Congress' Small Communities Committee and the Canadian Zionist Federation. Participants, numbering about 35, came from small communities ranging from Charlottetown, Antigonish, NS, to Edmonton and Dundas and London, Ont.

Communities were notified about the trip through the mail, and all participants paid their own way. Many of the participants had not visited Israel before, while for others it was their first trip in an organized group.

A typical reaction was that of Jane Naylor from Charlottetown, who said that "words cannot express what this trip meant to me. It has been fulfilling beyond my wildest expectations."

Congress worked with Rachel Meir, a shaliach from the department of education of the World Zionist Organization, in coordinating the schedule. The itinerary included Jerusalem, a Chanukah candle lighting ceremony at the Western Wall, and visits to Safed's artist colony, Yad Vashem, and a kibbutz in the Jordan Valley.

Participants also planted trees at the Jewish National Fund's Canada Park, and visited an air force base, Tel Aviv's Diaspora Museum, Massada, and RoshHanikra.

Lectures for adults were organized focusing on education and Judaism, and children took part in a visit to the science workshop at Hebrew University. Workshops were also held on Jewish identity and the Diaspora.

The tour was led by CJC small communities director Shellie Ettinger; CJC Ontario Region community services director Susan Jackson; and Paula Mendelson, special projects coordinator for the CZF.

Organizers expressed optimism that the tour helped to inculcate the "special role Israel plays in our contemporary existence . . . a deepened sense of our common roots, goals, culture and heritage."

Achieving those goals, they hope, will help contribute to the development of a "new young leadership to serve the community at large."

UJA contributors off to Israel

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

On March 23, up to 200 Toronto contributors to the United Jewish Appeal will board a blue and white El Al jetliner, and wing their way east to the Holy Land on a unique mission to Israel.

They will meet the most powerful political figures in the Israeli government, tour the country and be wined and dined in the most sumptuous surroundings the country has to offer.

But what makes this particular mission so "unique," in the words of Lisa Morrison, is the size of the contingent, the "top notch" itinerary and the absence of a minimum contribution requirement.

Any Toronto contributor to the UJA campaign is eligible, she says, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Morrison, assistant campaign director for UJA, says the sponsors, Toronto Jewish Congress and UJA, are "going all out" to make the trip a success.

The $2,150 cost will cover airfare, 10 nights hotel, touring and most meals (based on double occupancy). And while 200 people are expected to participate (so far 140 have signed up), Morrison says the group will be divided into more intimate groups of 40 for touring purposes.

So far the itinerary, which is subject to change, features three breakfast meetings with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin as well as greetings from Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek.

Also on the agenda are visits to the Toronto-financed Project Renewal communities of Kfar Gvirol and Beit Dagan, trips to moshavim and northern towns, meetings with settlers on the Golan Heights and a demonstration of the high performance F-16 jet fighter.

Talk set on medical ethics

OTTAWA —

New York medicine professor and author Dr. Fred Rosner will lead a panel of experts here in an all-day symposium on Jewish Perspectives in Medical Ethics, Sunday, May 31.

Rosner, who has published more than 10 books on medical ethics and Jewish medical history, will provide the symposium with an overview of the subject, and make presentations on: abortion; test tube babies, surrogate mothers and artificial insemination; organ transplants; and the right to die.

Rabbi Mordechai Berger of Ottawa's Young Israel Congregation, education director of Ecole Maimonides Torah Day School, will discuss chassidic perspectives of life and death.

Machzikei Hadas Congregation's **Rabbi Reuven Bulka** will lead a session on psychological perspectives in organ transplantation.

Dr. Paul Claman will discuss the latest technologies in fertilization. Claman is assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology, infertility and reproductive endocrinology division, at the University of Ottawa's faculty of medicine.

Dr. Wilbur Keon, a leading Canadian heart specialist, will describe the latest techniques in organ donation and transplantation. Keon is professor and director-general of the Ottawa Heart Institute.

Rosner, professor of medicine at the State University of New York College of Medicine and chairman of the Queens Hospital department of medicine, New York, chairs leading medical ethics committees in the U.S.

Registration for the symposium, to be held at the Embassy West Hotel, is $75 by April 5 and $85 afterwards; a glatt kosher catered lunch is included. For residants, interns and nurses, it's $35; for students, $20.

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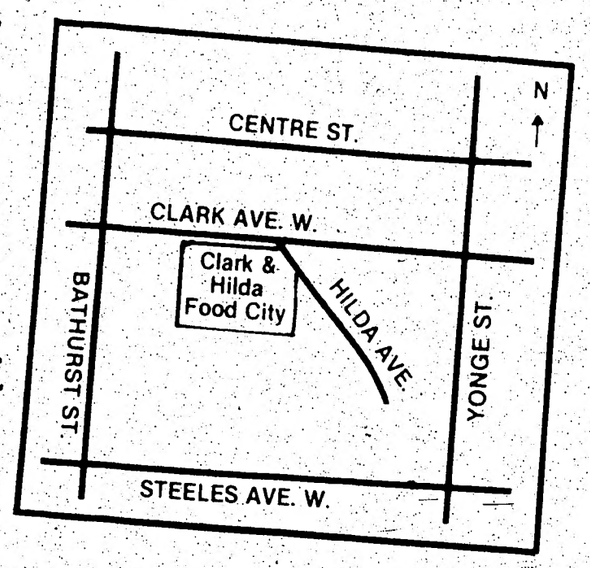

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Arts

Lived for 16 years at Ein Hod

Artist's life proves steady mix of reality and fantasy

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
For Dutch artist Jan Tom van den Bergen life and work have provided a constant mix of reality and fantasy.

The tall, blond painter visited The CJN offices recently to explain why, though a non-Jew, he chose to live in Israel for 16 years at the artists' colony, Ein Hod.

Kept a large zoo

Born in the Netherlands in 1938, van den Bergen studied at the Rietveld Academy in Amsterdam and began to hear from Jewish friends about the land that would later capture his imagination.

Van den Bergen left Holland for Greece in 1960, and then moved on to Israel in 1964, settling in the artists' colony established on Mount Carmel by Jewish painter Marcel Janco in 1953.

There, the painter and his first wife, a sabra, had a son, Ran, now 19 and serving in the army. After divorcing his first wife, he married Lia Schubert, the Viennese-born director of the Haifa Piccolo Ballet. Van den Bergen has created scenery and costumes for the wife's ballet productions, including Coppelia and Paradiset.

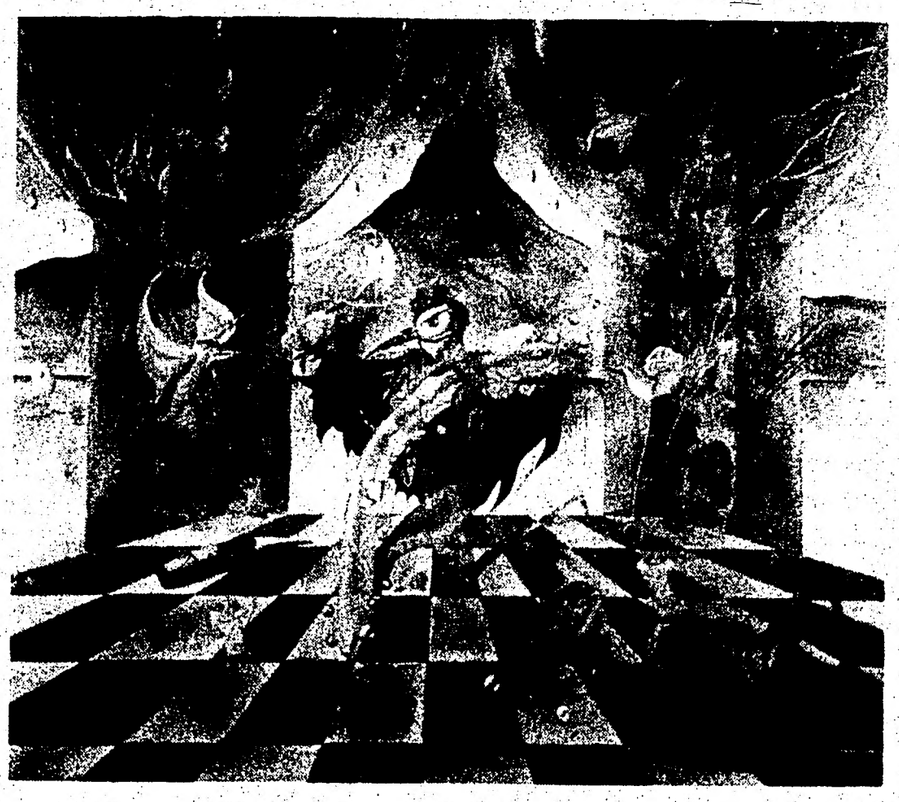
In 1980, he was lured from his adopted country to participate in a major show of Fantastic Realism at Oslo's Gallery Galtung, and has made his home in Gottenberg, Sweden since that time.

Of his experience in Israel, van den Bergen says: "I miss the climate, and we had a beautiful house there and a large zoo . . . about 250 animals," including 10 peacocks, all of which have been donated to other zoos and kibbutzim.

"Israel was very lively," the artist says. "I lived there for so many years that it is more like home than Holland."

While in Israel, van den Bergen came to know Moshe and Ruth Dyan; becoming friends with Ruth, he exhibited some of his work in her Maskit stores.

"If I went back to Israel," he says, "I think I would live in the south. If there is a sandstorm, the sun looks like the moon. It's very timeless."



The Volcano (oil on canvas 100 by 100 cm) is a grimmer vision painted by fantastic realist Jan Tom van den Bergen.

The wars Israel fought while van den Bergen lived in the country he remembers as being "quick and scarey . . . an emotional shock." The experience found reflection in his paintings.

In a work the artist produced a few years ago entitled The Volcano, a large volcano spews fire from its open mouth while a "broken jet engine" seed pod hovers overhead menacingly.

But Israel also left happier impressions on van den Bergen. A painting exhibited at the same time as The Volcano, titled The Magic Country, is painted mostly in luminescent blues.

Van den Bergen attributes the hue to the atmosphere and colors of Israel, noting that since he has moved to Sweden, his work has become much grayer.

The many floating figures seen in his art he believes come from the Tanach; and about the general spiritual element in his paintings, he says: "When you dream things up, it comes from somewhere."

Van den Bergen, who cites artists Hieronymous Bosch, Peter Bruegel the elder, and M. C. Escher as influential, creates a stage in many of his works.

And in that dramatic environment, he builds a magical world of fantastic creatures, surreal beings who exist outside time.

He has also found expression for that vision in the media of painted tables, tapestries, dolls, and long wooden paintings he refers to as icons. He says he is also now turning his attention to prints.

Though van den Bergen has retained his Dutch citizenship, and has his home in Gottenberg, he still owns a house in Ein Hod, to which he would someday like to return.

Those who wish to see van den Bergen's work may not have long to wait. A March exhibition is planned at the Neville Gallery, 71 McCaul St. For more information, phone (416) 593-4177.

Play only frustrates

Hollywood Opera is not funny at all

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —
Lampooning Hollywood movies is a difficult comic art form. Sometimes you win; sometimes you lose.

As my Feb. 5 review in The CJN indicated, I gave *B-Movie: The Play* grade-A marks for its consistent bellylaughs. Its parodies of movie cliches proved a winner from first to last.

Alas, I can't say the same for *Hollywood Opera* (running until March 30 at the Teller's Cage, Commerce Court South, 862-1434).

Imported from Off-Off-Broadway, it's a musical revue starring three talented Toronto performers and making ingenious use of 40 hand-held puppets and original operatic songs to satirize 12 classic movies.

It's clever and it's novel in its approach, but unfortunately, so far as this reviewer is concerned, it's a loser, which isn't funny at all. It elicited not a single laugh, not even a chuckle from me, only groans of frustration.

The people seated beside me at the dinner theatre were even more frustrated than I. They admitted that at least six of the comedy skits bewildered them, because they hadn't seen the movies being caricatured, and hence the comic references eluded them.

Cryptic sketches

Among the bummers that were too cryptic were musical sketches involving the late Anna Magnani in *The Rose Tattoo* and Elizabeth Taylor as the harridan wife of Richard Burton in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolfe.*

It so happened I had seen all the movies that were satirized. But what frustrated me was that I found no wit in the spoken lines of recitative and no humor in the comic arias.

Thus, *Ramboletto,* a rock-cum-Verdi song poking fun at Rambo, showed Japanese soldiers and crocodiles in puppet form being machine-gunned down. Meanwhile, the lyrics strained dreadfully at trying to rhyme "combos" and "bimbos."

A sketch titled *Citizen Kong* featured a performer in an ape outfit clutching in his paw a struggling blonde doll puppet. This novelty quickly became a drag as the gorilla sang a lachrymose love ballad which witlessly ran, "Bring bananas and mangos to the girl I adore."

For the record, the three gifted performers wasted in this fiasco were Camilla Scott (a dazzler shen she played the title role in the Limelight Theatre's version of *Evita*); Jo-Anne Kirwan Clark (excellent as Susan in *The Desert Song* at the Bayview Playhouse); and David Mucci (who did a fine job in *Drori* at the Leah Posluns).

Better luck next time, folks.

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Crackles with zest and fun

Revival of Music Man retains exuberance of original

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Let us face the situation honestly.

Director Adolf Toman's revival of *The Music Man* (running until May 3 at the Limelight Dinner Theatre, 2026 Yonge, 482-5200) is as corny, kitschy, slapsticky and just plain hokey as it was when originally produced on Broadway in 1957.

Furthermore, it lacks the magnetic presence of Robert Preston, who made a stunning comeback in both the stage musical and the 1962 Hollywood version as the "two-bit, swindling, thimble-rigging" promoter, Harold Hill, who can't play a single note of music. Yet, unbelievably, the lovable rascal cons the yokels of an Iowa tank town called River City, circa 1912, into buying his instruments and uniforms for a marching band that somehow plays that rousing tune, *Seventy-Six Trombones*.

Nevertheless, despite all those deficiencies, it doesn't matter a hoot. This cornball show, with book, music and lyrics by Iowa-born Meredith Willson, remains after 30 years a wonderful, rowdy-dowdy, harum-scarum, kick-up-your-heels-and-clap, happy-time show.

I loved almost every minute of it. It holds up so well because Willson's tunes are so infectiously exuberant and because Toman has staged it with such zip and gusto.

It crackles with zest and fun right from the opening scene. The curtain goes up on a bunch of traveling salesmen, swaying on a train, and singing about the problems of the drummer's trade to the clickety-clackety rhythms of the locomotive.

Strutting out of the train and into River City is that breezy, straw-hatted, moustachioed charlatan, "Professor" Harold Hill. As played by Brian McKay, a Canadian classical singer who has performed on Broadway, he is not quite brash enough. Still, he has a sweet tenor voice, which is acceptably romantic when he courts the local librarian with that lovely tune, *Till There Was You.*

The librarian is a pleasant discovery for the Limelight. She is Nova Scotia-born Sheila Brand, who has made a name for herself as an opera diva and musical star in England, and is beguiling when singing the oldfashioned love songs, *Goodnight My Someone* and *My White Knight.*

There are a number of other standouts in the solid cast. Ellen Horst, who was a scene-stealer as the German Fraulein Schneider in the Limelight's *Cabaret,* does likewise here as the librarian's mother — but this time with a splendid Irish accent.

Gordon Masten, who was great as the mayor in the Limelight's *Best Little Whorehouse In Texas,* is a comic knockout as Hill's tubby sidekick capering amusingly to *Shipoopi* and *Trouble.* Larry Solway, who seems to be specializing these days in villain roles, is properly hateful as an anvil salesman bewailing his fate in a diminishing sales territory.

There's a bug's-ear cute problem child played with an engaging lisp by Peter Evanoff and a marvelous straw-hatted barbershop quartet . . . and, above all, a marching band which pops up miraculously in the very last scene.

No, they don't play 76 trombones. But by the time they skylark across the stage, infectiously brassy and tuneful in this sentimental valentine to old-time Americana, you'll find yourself standing up and joining the rest of the audience, in clapping hands to the beat.

It's a jolly show, fit to beat the band.

Brian McKay, starring as the lovable rascal Prof. Harold Hill, leads the barbershop quartet in The Music Man at Limelight Theatre.

Cantor's anthology praised

By
RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO —

Let's Sing and Daven, Shaarei Shomayim Cantor Harold Klein's anthology of 39 popular congregational melodies for Shabbat worship, has won a stream of praise from cantors across North America.

"Your contribution to synagogue music is the best in 25 years," said Cantor Tibor Kelen, formerly of Toronto, now of Temple Beth-El, Cedarhurst, NY. "Long overdue" added Cantor Murray Nixon of Beth Israel, Vancouver.

"Your selections are terrific because the melodies are already familiar and people can join in almost immediately. This book and its accompanying cassette have been extremely helpful in involving the congregation," said Cantor Herschel Fox of Valley Beth Sholom of Encino, Calif. Fox's wife has also used the material at Hollywood's Synagogue for the Performing Arts.

Initially, the book, which appeared in 1985, was only being sold to cantors. More recently, the Shaarei Shomayim sisterhood has been selling it to the membership of the shul with all proceeds going to the sisterhood.

But there are now plans to sell Let's Sing and Daven commercially. Velvel Pasternak, one of North America's leading distributors of popular Jewish religious books and recordings, has been after Klein for quite some time now to market it. And the cantor states that marketing of the book and tape is just a matter of time.

However, as the book's objective is purely a learning experience, Klein says he does not wish to make personal profit on it. Instead, he plans to utilize all funds from sales to compile a second book consisting of 49 songs of Pesach, Shavuoth and Sukkot, together with a second tape.

Both books, together, could become standard fare in teaching adult and junior congregations. They could also help nurture the next Jewish generation into traditional davening in a spirit of collective enthusiasm and joy. That's what traditional observance is really supposed to be all about.

Cantor Harold Klein

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Arts

A superb intermingling of anecdote, history and reportage

A Walker in Jerusalem portrays a "tapestry in time"

books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

A Walker in Jerusalem, by Samuel Heilman. Musson Books, $28.95.

There is, of course, something matchless about Jerusalem. The Zohar, a medieval work of Jewish mysticism, teaches: "When God created the world He placed the waters of the ocean around the earth. And in the heart of the inhabited world God placed Jerusalem. And in the heart of Jerusalem, the Holy Mountain. The Mountain encloses the seat of the Sanhedrin, in the heart of which stands the Temple. In the heart of the Temple is the Holy of Holies where rests the Schechina. And this is the heart of the world.

In 1967 Israel did not set out to conquer East Jerusalem. Messages were sent to King Hussein, asking him to stay out of the war. The Israelis took most of their casualties when capturing the Old City because of a decision not to use heavy armor which might damage the holy places. The city was captured in hand-to-hand combat and paid for with blood.

Now, when the Vatican reiterates its opposition to an Israel controlled united city, some salient facts should be remembered.

Between 1948 and 1967 Jews couldn't enter the Old City. The Western Wall was closed to Jewish prayer. There were 58 synagogues in the Old City and every one suffered vandalism or destruction. The graveyards on the Mount of Olives were desecrated.

On the question of access and control of the holy places, Israel has lived up to public guarantees of the protection of shrines and their accessibility to members of all religions.

A Walker in Jerusalem is not about war or politics. Rather, it is a lyrical depiction of an incomparable city, a "tapestry in time" in which are interwoven threads of piety, history, devotion, conflict, beauty and hope.

The author, an American professor of sociology, wanders about the time-worn streets of Jerusalem, searches for the unusual and the unexpected, asks probing questions of a variety of citizens and learns what it means to live in a city that "breathes history." Among the colorful and exceptional personalities described are an Argentinian cowboy who followed his lady-love to Jerusalem only to lose her in a terrorist explosion; an Israeli archaeologist who, with undeviating zeal, tries to recreate the past; a black market operator who uses a computer for currency exchange; an Arab teacher who writes English verse about his beloved city; a rabbi lost in the maze of mystical speculation.

Simchat Torah in the age-old city is memorable: "In Jerusalem, in Jerusalem, in Jerusalem" were the words being shouted. This had become the centre; the Torah scrolls were dancing about it. Here was the power of collective fantasy animating collective life. For the few moments of this dance, everyone in the room seemed pulled into a single, common imaginative vision. The dance was a dream, a restatement and a reaffirmation of a past that would reconnect with a future. It provided a passage from the metaphors of one kind of life to the immediacies of another."

This book is a superb intermingling of anecdote, history and reportage, a heartfelt evocation of a distinctive place, sacred to adherents of diverse religious faiths. It is warmly recommended.

Karen Kain performs at her best in Coppelia

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

It's hard to believe that Karen Kain graduated from the National Ballet School as recently as 1969.

The swanlike ballerina, who once described herself as a "fat, buck-toothed ugly duckling from Hamilton, Ont.," has since become an international star, performing as guest artist with companies ranging from the Bolshoi Ballet to the Vienna State Opera Ballet.

At 35, she is now in her glorious prime. She proved it recently at the O'Keefe Centre, where she opened the National Ballet of Canada's 3-week winter season playing the title role in *Coppelia*.

The Girl With The Enamel Eyes, as it's substitled, is Leo Delibes' fairy-tale comic ballet that has charmed audiences for 117 years. It's a wonderful vehicle for Kain, who demonstrates that she can be a funny, goofy, utterly charming comedienne, not limited to playing dying swans.

As every ballet buff knows, it's a sugarspun Hansel-and-Gretel tale with no villains. Swanilda is a saucy peasant maid on the eve of marrying her country swain.

Simple handsome bumpkin

He is a simple but handsome bumpkin named Franz, who is tantalized by the sight of Coppelia. She is the blonde-wigged, woman-sized windup doll who sits posed seemingly reading a book by the window of the workshop of Dr. Coppelius. He is the village toy-maker who is also regarded as the village fool.

Swanila and Franz both steal into the workshop, where they discover that Coppelia is nothing but a mechanical toy. They dupe the addle-pated toymaker into believing that his doll has come alive, and leave the shop in a shambles, with the windup toys frisking about.

All ends well in the second act, of course. The irate toymaker is placated with a bag of money. The couple get married to live, one presumes, happily ever after.

But that presumption may well be wrong, because Kain turns the village maid into a captivating yet calculating mischief-maker, who clearly won't take any sauce from anybody.

Certainly not from Franz, as played by Serge Lavoie, a tall, 24-year-old soloist from Lachine, Que. He is a good comic dancer, who ingratiatingly plays the hayseed simpleton for laughs and is a fairly good leaper in his solos.

But he is no match for Kain. She outhams him for laughs in the first act and effortlessly steals the spotlight from him in their pas de deux in the second act.

Indeed, she has become such a dynamic performer that she thoroughly dominates this lightweight ballet and animates the ensemble to unbelievable heights.

Character dancer Jacques Gorrissen makes the toymaker a pathetic foil — partly a wild-eyed nut from a Mack Sennett silent comedy and partly a disillusioned Chaplinesque outcast. The real surprise, though, is how Kain has lifted the entire cast with her exuberant spirit. She has never been in better form, and the ensemble, too, was in fine fettle for this glorious *Coppelia*.

It's too bad that the National Ballet's late director, Erik Bruhn, who choreographed the present version for the company in 1975, is not alive to see it today. Thanks to Kain, *The Girl With The Enamel Eyes* has truly been brought to life.

Karen Kain. pretending to be a blonde-wigged windup toy doll, is the dynamic star of Coppelia at O'Keefe Centre.

The Magic Barrel to be presented

TORONTO —

The Magic Barrel, a concert potpourri of stories and music by Sholem Aleichem, Isaac Bashevis Singer, Leonard Bernstein and Aaron Copland, will be presented March 14 at the St. Lawrence Centre.

The stories will be interpreted by actress-storyteller Helen Porter and music provided by pianist John Kruspe and clarinetist Joseph Orlowski.

Porter describes her performance style as "narrative theatre," because she not only tells the story but performs all the character roles in each tale.

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Arts

Former disco-pop singer performs for women-only audiences

Israel's Ruthi Navon returns with religious songs

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Whatever happened to Ruthi Navon?

Throughout the late 1970s, she was one of Israel's classiest songstresses. Youthful, sophisticated, glamorous and perky, she specialized in singing a disco-pop style which had distinctive Jewish and North American influences.

The daughter of a Sephardi father and Ashkenazi mother, and fluent in English, she frequently performed on both sides of the ocean in stage musicals with social messages as well as in rock shows. She wowed the crowds at Ontario Place during the final Israel Day held in 1979.

Then she seemingly disappeared from the scene.

Now, Navon is back, as a baal teshuvah. She has become religious and performs under the auspices of the Lubavitcher chassidic movement to women-only audiences. Her songs are all of religious content. Ruthi Navon will be appearing in Toronto on Feb. 22 in concert. For further information, phone 731-5347 or 731-7000.

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George Frederick Handel's great oratorio Solomon, considered to be his second most important work after The Messiah, will be performed by The Toronto Mendelssohn Choir under the baton of Elmer Iseler at Roy Thomson Hall on Feb. 22. Phone 593-4822 for more information.

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Doug Barr will present a children's concert Feb. 22 at Holy Blossom in aid of the Alyn Hospital in Jerusalem.

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Barr has recorded an album of mostly original children's songs entitled Play For Me. He has appeared on Global-TV and for eight years has performed for the various local schools. He is contributing his effort for free. For details, call Susan Siegel at 782-9446 or Valerie Sloman at 486-9571.

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Gil Shaham's solo violin lead to Max Bruch's Concerto for Violin in G Minor was technically dazzling. Like most very young virtuosos, his emotional coloration will inevitably mature with experience.

Shaham has alternated performance of this piece with Prokofiev's superior Violin Concerto, which he didn't perform in Toronto upon hearing that it was to have been played a few days later at Roy Thomson Hall by Kyung Wha-Chung. Too bad.

The concert ended with Mozart's 39th Symphony. But from a musicological viewpoint, the highlight of the evening was the performance of an Israeli composition — Mordechai Seter's ballet music to Jephthah's Daughter.

This fusion of serious European modern styles with some Mideast reed folk motifs begins with much drama, but then ends in a plaintive, gloomy mood in keeping with this tragic tale from the Book of Judges. One should see the ballet to fully appreciate the score.

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Morose John and The Missus depicts Nfld. village's demise

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Peter O'Brian, producer of the touchingly funny *My American Cousin*, is here with a new film. Regrettably, *John And The Missus* pales in comparison.

Like *My American Cousin*, *John And The Missus* is about Canadian country folk. The locale of the former was a cherry farm in British Columbia, while this one is set in a Newfoundland mining village. There was something uplifting, something exuberant and infectious, about O'Brian's first feature, but there are no such qualities in his latest cinematic sally.

Now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, *John And The Missus* is a filmic dirge, a morose and self-conscious examination of the death of a settlement most Canadians would not have heard of, nor cared to have visited before its agonizing demise.

The simple, hard-working people of Cup Cove, a barren coastal village perched between pounding seas and lush green mountains, have come to the end of the line. The copper mine that has supported them all these years has been exhausted of its riches, and the time is at hand to close the mine and, by definition, Cup Cove.

John (Gordon Pinsent, who also wrote and directed the film) is profoundly attached to Cup Cove and does not want to leave, even after a rock fall claims the life of one of his fellow miners. John's loyal and loving wife (Jackie Burroughs) stands by him in the face of subtle pressure by the union to resettle the miners.

Their newly-married son, Matt (Randy Follett), having returned to Cup Cove with his fresh new bride (Jessica Steen), wants to make his life in the village. But he has second thoughts in the wake of the mine accident.

John struggles with Matt's decision, but his wife (she is given no name), a spunky, earthy woman, looks at the overall situation far more realistically.

Gordon Pinsent's wonderful weather-beaten face is like a beacon, emitting the raw emotions of a hardy man whose way of life has been abruptly violated. His naturalistic performance, which Jackie Burroughs is able to match, is well in tune with the basic tenor of the picture.

Despite their fine performances, *John And The Missus* misses the mark. It moves with the ponderousness of a giant sea turtle, and there are moments when it smacks of a pretentiousness that can only be described as jarring.

Essentially, the film suffers from two fundamental problems: The script is less than scintillating and the direction is heavy-handed. A pity.

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Arts

Opens with exhibit of work by Anton Cetin

Young gallery owner says buying art a "journey"

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
Age is no issue for an ambitious 23-year-old entrepreneur who recently started his own gallery in the prestigious Bloor St. - Avenue Rd. area.

Mark Evan Cohen officially opened Galerie Evan in the Renaissance Plaza (150 Bloor St. W.) with a showing of work by Toronto-based, internationally known artist Anton Cetin.

The exhibit includes a poem by freelance writer Sharon Singer entitled, Eve, inspired by Cetin's figure Eve. The artist's work is on display until March 14.

"I'm not just a 23-year-old kid from Toronto," Cohen says confidently. "I've been there and to get in with me now will be a reward for many people. I'll be able to do a lot with their collections."

Cohen, a graduate of Holy Blossom Temple Hebrew School and still affiliated with the temple, orginally wanted to be a doctor.

Not, he says, out of an interest in biology, but because he wanted to help people. It is an attitude he says he brings to his relationship with his clients and artists.

"I decided to go more where my interests lie and that's in the arts, they were always in the arts.

"I learned to appreciate artistic values at an early age. As a child I was exposed to work that was good and that stimulated an interest inside of me."

Some of that stimulation, he says, came from contact with his uncle and aunt Eli and Eddie Broad of Los Angeles, and former Toronto gallery owner Jack Pollock.

Eli Broad, notes Cohen, is a founding chairman of the new Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art, and Cohen says he became a founder himself.

He adds that he hopes to get works by Cetin and Harold Town into the museum's permanent collection, and wants to work with Harbourfront to bring a traveling exhibit of Canadian art there.

Cohen prepared for his career by studying art history here at York University and at the University of Texas. He received a BFA from York University.

While in Texas he did volunteer work with the Dallas Museum of Art and became involved in fund raising through the museum league.

After working as an art consultant for 3½ years, Cohen says he felt it was time to open his own gallery.

"I wasn't very thrilled with the art scene. A lot of things were happening in the city that I felt were not being tapped.

"The representation of contemporary art in this town is very regional and I felt it shouldn't be so regional. I didn't feel it was a substantial representation of what was happening in the contemporary art world now."

Cohen also wanted to be able to establish a personal relationship with his clientele.

"Buying art is not just making a purchase, it's a journey. People should become involved. It's an expression, not just making a purchase.

"I want people to remember when they've been here and when they leave. I think it's important to allow people the time to digest the work that they're looking at and that will allow them the time to appreciate what they're dealing with."

"The gallery dealers should be responsible for helping you to make the purchase; that's the joy of being a collector."

In a release announcing Cetin's show, Cohen writes: "The new gallery will exhibit an eclectic mix of traditional and non-traditional contemporary art forms — everything from oil on canvas to performance art to electronic color and sound phantasmagoria." Cohen says his doors are not closed to any professional artist.

Among the artists Cohen represents are several Jews. They include: Archie Rand of New York; C.A. Michel of Los Angeles; Cliff Banjamin of Los Angeles; George Kleiman of Los Angeles, and Charna Rickey of Los Angeles.

For more information on Galerie Evan, phone 323-3713.

Suspense builds incrementally

Black Widow glues you to your seat

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —
The female black widow is a deadly spider with no scruples whatsoever. After mating with the male, she stings him with a fatal dose of poison and seeks another unwitting mate.

Bob Rafelson's new thriller, *Black Widow*, is based on that gruesome cycle.

In this case, the predator is a smart, attractive, diabolical woman who goes through three husbands in order to inherit their wealth and status.

Skilfully written by Ronald Bass, *Black Widow* is a film that glues you to your seat from the opening frame, when a seductive blond lady in designer clothes steps out of a private plane into a limousine after being told that her first husband, a noted publisher, has suddenly died in his sleep.

The lady in question (Theresa Russell, a fine actress) pretends to be in grief, but the tears she sheds are those of a vicious killer who has murdered her unsuspecting husband of only four months with an untraceable drug. Now, as she plots to kill her second victim, a toy manufacturer, Alex (Debra Winger), a special investigator from the federal justice department, enters the picture.

A dogged free spirit, Alex smells a rat (or should it be a black widow?) as information comes through on her computer screen that yet another wealthy man has mysteriously succumbed to an exotic "disease." Alex, played exceedingly well by Winger, an intellectually sharp actress, tells her boss, a skeptical man, that something is awry.

Meanwhile, our lady killer sets her sights on a shy anthropologist (Nicol Williamson) who cannot resist her charms, particularly in front of a roaring fireplace at night. He, too, is done in by her.

By this point, Alex is getting pretty jumpy. She knows she's on a hot case, but no one in authority takes her seriously. In desperation, she leaves her job and flies to Hawaii to stalk the lady killer, who takes up with Paul (Sami Frey), a rich hotelier.

In an effort to expose her, Alex hires a seedy detective to track her. He isn't very successful, and Alex herself must trap the "widow."

Black Widow, whose chilling music is composed by Michael Small, builds up the suspense incrementally as Alex gets closer to her quarry.

The final, sudden twist is not only appealing but clever.

Black Widow is now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres.

Mizrachi benefit to feature Israeli singer, U.S. comedian

TORONTO —
Tickets have gone on sale for this year's annual Mizrac ¡Organization of Canada's benefit concert, Saturday, March 21 at 9 p.m. in the Minkler Auditorium, featuring a leading Israeli singer and a U.S. comedian.

Gadi Elon

Meyer Zaremba

Jerusalem's Gadi Elon will bring a program of songs ranging from traditional to modern. Dubbed "the Frank Sinatra of Israel," he expresses the country's diversity of moods and yearnings, according to a Mizrachi spokesman.

Elon is also a noted actor, comedian, balladeer and cantor, fluent in Hebrew, English and Yiddish.

New York comedian Meyer Zaremba, a specialist in Jewish humor, will make up the other half of the double bill.

Proceeds are earmarked for local educational efforts and for the Bnei Akiva yeshiva movement in Israel.

Chairman of the evening's organizing committee is Allen Katz.

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No factories in Canberra

Australian Alps the perfect spot for skiers

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

CANBERRA —

You may not believe it, but you can ski within 90 minutes drive of this Australian capital city. Not far from the south-east coast of Australia are the Snowy Mountains where skiing starts in June.

Here also is Kosciusko National Park with Australia's tallest peak, 7,359 feet (2,230 metres), Mount Kosciusko, and other snowcapped mountains in an area known as the Australian Alps.

Canberra is one of the few world capitals designed as a capital and accordingly has no factories. It is a well laid out city with a man-made lake, broad avenues, and numerous government buildings set along wide avenues.

The city is barely 60 years old, was designed as a result of an international contest by U.S. architect Walter Burley Griffin, whose name is remembered in the man-made Lake Burley Griffin.

The lake is crossed by two wide bridges, one of which leads from Capital Hill to government buildings, the other from Capital Hill to the Civic Centre.

Australia's Parliament Buildings, now being expanded for completion next year when the country marks its 200th birthday, is directly across the lake from Australia's War Memorial to those who fought in both World Wars. In between is one of the few waterjets in the world, this one in memory of Captain James Cook. This water jet sends a spout of water 450 feet high (140 metres) into the air several times a day. (This travel reporter has only seen one other such jet, at Geneva, Switzerland.)

Canberra is for sightseeing. Located about half way between Australia's two major cities, Sydney and Melbourne, it is in a hilly area. There are viewing locations around the city which provide a bird's-eye view of the city and its tree-lined streets and outstanding national buildings. Some 60 embassies are on curved streets, many not far from the lake, being mostly modern 2- and 3-storey residences or office buildings.

The city has the High Court of Australia, the country's National Library, the Royal Australian Mint, the National Botanical Gardens with mainly all types of native flowers and plants, the Royal Military College, the National Film and Sound Archives, and the Australian National University.

Canberra is prepared for visitors with tour buses and lake cruisers. For $7 Australian you can travel all day on the Canberra Explorer tour bus, which makes 14 scheduled stops and leaves its base every 45 minutes.

There are cruises on Lake Burley Griffin lasting two hours at $A8, city-wide tours, luncheon lake cruises and trips to the Tidbinbilla Deep Space Tracking Station 24 miles (40 kilometres) southwest of the city.

There is also Mount Stromlo Observatory where there is a telescope open daily for visitors. The National War Memorial houses a vast collection of aircraft, paintings and dioramas of wartime scenes in which Australians took part.

With a man-made lake in this rugged country formerly used primarily for sheep raising, aquatic sports form part of Canberra's attractions. Sailing and motorboating are popular on this lake which has a 22-mile (35 km) shoreline. And while you are out on the lake you can enjoy the frequent concerts of the 53-bell carillon on Aspen Island. The carillon was a gift of the United Kingdom government on Canberra's 50th anniversary.

Today Canberra, a city of some 250,000 people, has a good number of first class hotels and dining spots.

There is an Israeli embassy at 6 Turrana St., a Jewish Community Centre at Canberra Ave. and National Circuit, and National Jewish Memorial Centre at the Community Centre.

There is good public transport in the city. Climate in summer (Canadian winter) is 28 C average and 12 C average in the Australian winter. There is good air, rail and highway connection with nearby Sydney and Melbourne.

Skiers on the slopes of the Snowy Mountains near Canberra, Australia, where skiing starts in June.

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Travel

Music, theatre festivals highlight June in Amsterdam

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

Come to Amsterdam in June and join in the annual celebrations of the performing arts at various locations and in other cities of Holland.

The entire month of June is one music and theatre festival after another with performances by the Amsterdam Concertgebouw Orchestra, the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra and musical groups from other countries. There will be dance ensembles such as the Netherlands National Ballet and similar groups from Europe and North America as well as theatrical companies from around the world.

The summer in Europe is a major time of music. There is, for example, the Budapest Spring Festival which this year runs from March 20 to 29 and will include the Mozarteum Chamber Music Ensemble from Salzburg, Austria, the Little Singers of Tokyo, a performance of Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet by the Hungarian Stage Opera's ballet company, and at the Budapest Operetta Theatre the Soviet Jewish Musical Chamber Theatre will make an appearance. There will also be daily folklore evenings, pop concerts, and the American John Bayless' performance of Beatles in Bach style.

The Prague Spring Festival is on for three weeks from May 12, opening always with Smetana's tone poem Ma Vlast (My Country). The performances by local and internationally known orchestras and soloists are held at various locations in the old city.

There are numerous music festivals throughout Great Britain. Among them the earliest is the Camden Festival in the London area which is held for two weeks from mid-March, with symphonic, choral and chamber concerts and recitals. Best known are the Brighton Festival at the seaside resort of Brighton for two weeks in May and the Aldeburgh Festival of Music and the Arts in East Suffolk, England, for 17 days in early June, with great singers, instrumentalists and ensembles.

At the old spa of Bath, the Bath festival is on for 17 days, starting late in May with a variety of music from the medieval to modern, recitals and operas. The Cheltenham International Festival of Music for nine days is early in July with commissioned British musical works. The English Bach Festival is held at Oxford and London during April and May. Mainly performed are the works of J. S. Bach and his contemporaries.

There are a number of choir festivals, most international of which is the International Musical Eisteddfod at Llangollen, Wales, with choirs from many countries, including Canada, performing in national costumes in this rugged area of north Wales the first week of July. (This travel reporter can highly recommend this event, having attended one not long ago.) Then there is the Edinburgh International Festival at Edinburgh, starting the third week in August for three weeks, with concerts and recitals and a military tattoo with massed bands on the floodlit ramparts of Edinburgh Castle.

The Great Irish Houses Festival in County Wicklow, Ireland, is on for the first two weeks of June with concerts in various stately homes. The Wexford Festival Opera, in late October for two weeks, is at Wexford, which makes a specialty of rarely performed operas from the 17th to the 20th centuries.

France has an abundance of music festivals, some in ancient castles and churches. At Avignon the performances start in mid-July for 3½ weeks, including sacred organ music, jazz concerts, and experimental theatre. The Hector Berlioz International Festival is at Lyon and La Cote St. Andre with mostly music by Berlioz, who was born in this area. The festival is on for a week in mid-September.

On the Mediterranean coast at Menton, the Music Festival is on all of August with mainly chamber music. At Nice, in the same area, the Grand Parade of Jazz runs for 11 days early in July with internationally known jazz musicians from Europe and North America. Paris has a number of music festivals throughout the summer.

Austria has its artistic festivals at Salzburg for five weeks in July and August, mostly with Mozart's music in this city where he was born in 1756. At Bad Ischl Operetta Weeks are from early July to early September, with the music of Johann Strauss, Franz Lehar, Anton Bruckner and others featured. Vienna Weeks Festival from mid-May for five weeks includes everything from puppet shows to opera, from instrumental recitals to jazz — something for everyone.

In Switzerland there is the Menuhin Festival at Gstaad for three weeks in August, with performances ranging from chamber music to jazz, and artists and ensembles from all over Europe and North America. The International Jazz Festival at Montreux on Lake Leman is on for 16 days early in July and includes participants from all over the world. In June the Zurich International Festival is on all month and the latter days of May, and has drawn devotees since 1909. The concerts are held in various theatres, some of which have been in use since 1834.

These are but a few of the musical festivals being held in Europe this spring and summer. You'll also find festivals in Greece, Italy, Germany, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium, Norway, Poland, Spain and Yugoslavia.

A monument to composer-musician Johann Strauss in Vienna, one of many monuments to musicians in Austria's capital.

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South Pacific part of agenda

Exotic tours planned by travel agent

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

MARKHAM, Ont. — Travel Inc. and Fine Tours wholesale tour company have just begun arranging trips to Africa and the South Pacific — to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji — "for today's more sophisticated traveler," according to owner Ron Fein.

"Today's travelers have been to Europe and the Orient," he told The Canadian Jewish News. "Now they are ready for something more exotic."

Expo 88 will be held in Australia, a factor that will be of increasing interest as that year approaches, he added.

Fein has arranged the tour in what he calls "modules": 1 to Australia, 1 to New Zealand and 1 to Fiji. Customers can sign up for any or all three of the elements of the trip.

A variety of exotic birds awaits safari travelers in Kenya.

Tours of the outback and sheep stations, a cruise to the islands of Fiji, kiwi farms and a Maori feast are among the features of the South Pacific package. The major cities of Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne, Auckland and Christchurch are, of course, on the itinerary. It is even possible to see a glacier in New Zealand (the Tasman glacier).

Another unusual trip Fein can arrange is one to Kenya. Every week a tour, consisting of only 14 people each, will leave for a 2-week adventure, which will begin with a shopping expedition in Nairobi during which one can purchase a genuine safari outfit.

The trip will then go "on safari" to various game reserves, where participants can see zebras, elephants, leopards, giraffes and other wild animals in their natural habitat. Accommodation throughout the trip will feature luxury city hotels as well as not-so-primitive water hole ones.

"Believe it or not," says Fein, "a 1-week package tour to Kenya is the most popular holiday from the U.S."

Since Fein uses local travel agencies in each place his tours arrive at, there is less likelihood, he believes, for something to go wrong. As well, it is easier to arrange extra side trips, such as mountain climbing in New Zealand.

A unique feature that Fein is excited about is his Jewish heritage trips. He has one scheduled to Australia in the fall of 1988, in connection with Expo 88, there is also one going there and to Kenya in the fall of this year. (Yes, Virginia, according to Fein, there is actually a synagogue in Nairobi!)

Jewish heritage tours are also being worked out in Greece, Spain and Russia. There will be an opportunity to meet members of the local Jewish communities, see sites (or former sites) of Jewish interest, and learn what life as a Jew is like in distant places.

Fein is also, in association with George Auerbach, working on a Teen Caravan project, in which youngsters from 15 to 17 can have their own supervised 3-week side trip in Israel, while their parents and younger brothers and sisters are also touring the country. Although some programs will overlap, most activities will be geared to that age group, and will include water sports, hiking, tennis and horseback riding. They will even take part in an archaeological dig in Jerusalem.

Fine Tours also arranges organized seniors' trips to California and Israel, and other destinations.

Arrangements can be made through your travel agent, or, for more information, call Fine Tours at 193 Denison Dr. in Markham, at (416) 475-6008.

Israel, Greece join tourism forces

NEW YORK (JTA) — Israel and Greece have announced the start of an unprecedented cooperative tourism program to attract more American tourists to Israel and Greece.

"We are very excited about this historic venture, which will link not only the world's oldest civilizations, but also two of the most exciting vacation destinations in the world," Simon Dimas of the Greek National Tourist Organization declared in a joint press conference here with Moshe Shoshani, Israel's commissioner for tourism for North America.

According to the two officials, the Greece-Israel program will promote U.S. tourism to both countries. It will encourage tour operators currently active in this market to expand their services and induce those not selling such combination packages to enter the market.

The two countries have allocated $200,000 each for a joint advertising campaign that will implement the program.

Last November, Greece and Israel signed an agreement on tourism. As part of the agreement, which was signed by Israel's tourism minister Avraham Sharir, and his Greek counterpart, Takis Roumeliotis, it was decided that the two countries will cooperate on a program to promote U.S. tourism to both countries.

There was a sharp decline in tourism from the U.S. to Israel and Greece last year. Shoshani said that only 250,000 American tourists came to Israel in 1986, compared with 430,000 in 1985. Dimas said that about 230,000 American tourists visited Greece in 1986 compared with 460,000 in 1985.

The joint Israel-Greece tour program offers five days in Greece and five days in Israel with flights from New York to Athens and Tel Aviv and back to New York.

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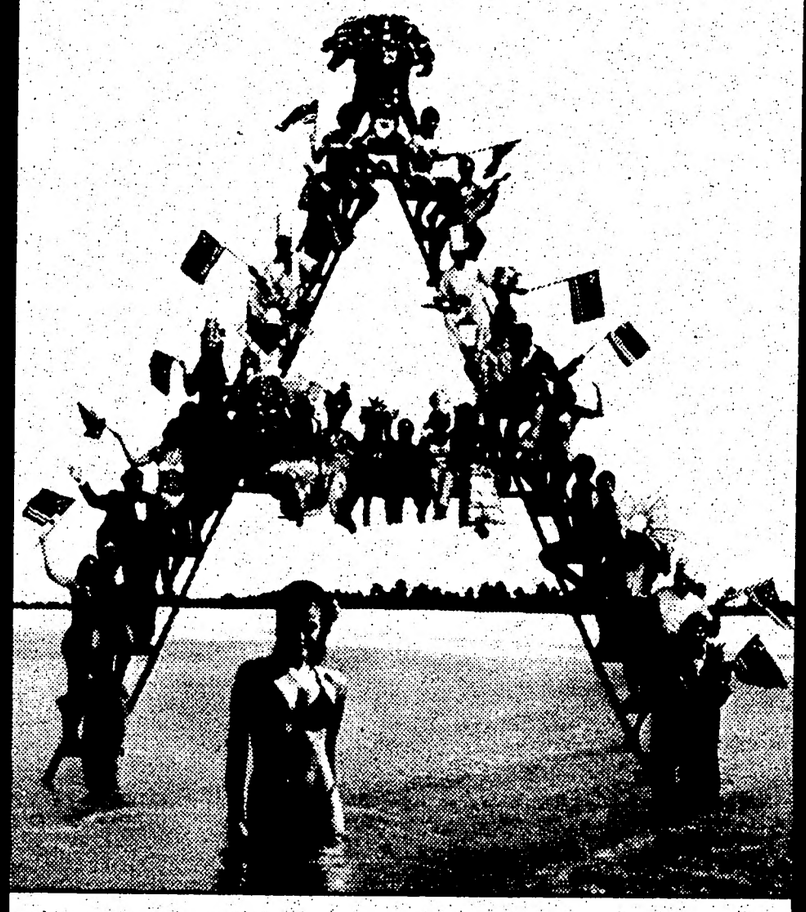
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Couple offers nature tours through Florida Keys

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

BIG PINE KEY, Fla. — Twenty four years ago, a Brooklyn boy named Stanley Becker grew tired of the rat race in New York and decided to try his luck in the Florida Keys.

He did not choose the Keys on a whim. Becker, a marine biologist and a naturalist, was attracted to unspoiled vistas. And the Keys, then, as now, were certainly rustic.

Nearly a quarter of a century after leaving the concrete canyons of the Big Apple, Becker has no regrets whatsoever about having moved to Florida.

Becker, a 49-year-old man who wears his hair in a pony tail, revels in the wilds of Florida. And if you're like him, you'll no doubt be interested in joining one of his nature tours of the *Key Deer National Life Refuge*.

Established in 1947 to protect the vanishing Florida Keys white-tail deer, the 1,700-acre preserve is the haunt not only of these shy, graceful animals, but the home of many species of birds, flowers, plants, trees and insects.

It is also the site of a former Indian village and a short-lived farming colony.

Through their company, Florida Keys Nature Excursions, Becker and his wife, Sandy Barrett, a marine biologist herself, offer hiking and canoeing trips to Key Deer National Life Refuge.

Age is no limitation on these tours, and although they are not physically taxing, guests should be in good health.

Florida Keys naturalist Stanley Becker leads canoe and hiking tours through Lower Keys shoreline mangroves, hardwood hammocks and other tropical forests in the Key Deer National Wildlife Refuge.

One of the joys of hiking here is to catch a glimpse of the rare Key deer in their native habitat.

Unique to Big Pine Key, some 130 miles southwest of Miami, the Key deer is about the size of a large dog. Descendants of large herds hunted by Spanish explorers for their meat, they were almost wiped out by poachers.

In 1947, government biologists placed the number of deer at 50. After the establishment of the park, they multiplied. Today, the deer population exceeds 400.

Diminutive versions of the Virginia Whitetail, these usually gentle, reclusive beasts are seen by visitors infrequently. I was lucky enough to see one bounding across an open space. Before I could regain my wits, it had disappeared into the thick tropical vegetation.

According to Becker, 37 varieties of trees grow in this wildlife refuge, among which are buttonwoods brimming with bromeliads, scrub palmettos, Jamaica dogwood, gumbo-limbo, slash pines, cabbage and date palms, iron wood, and a poisonous variety, the manchineel tree.

Being toxic, the manchineel leaf contains caustic properties capable of eating through flesh. So when Becker warns you not to touch the manchineel, you heed his warning.

Big Pine Key is fringed with white, red and black mangroves, and if you venture deep enough into its hardwood forest you'll come across wild fig and coffee trees. The figs are edible, but the coffee beans are non-drinkable, Becker explains.

Two of the most unusual trees can be used for medicinal purposes. The purge nut is a natural laxative, while the white stopper is an antidote. The Indians who lived here discovered their uses.

As we bow our heads to pass under a low branch, Becker asks us to look skyward, to a finely-spun web created by the golden orb spider. This is no ordinary spider's web. Its silky threads, he says, are used in gun sights.

In Big Pine Key, wild flowers, including orchids, thrive. And there is a large variety of plants, one of which, the mayten, is utilized in the manufacture of root canal fillings.

This is a bird watcher's paradise, and some of the birds that nest here are brown pelicans, white-crowned pigeons, bald eagles, kingbirds, great white herons, roseate spoonbills, reddish egrets and mangrove cuckoos.

Alligators and American crocodiles, as well as raccoons, roam these woods. But no one in our group saw any in the course of our 3-hour trip.

Save for an occasional mound, nothing is left of the centuries-old Calusa Indian village of Cachiyaga, now enveloped by bush. Except for several dry wells, not much of an old farmstead remains either. In the 1890s, Keywesters of Bahamian descent, referred to as Conchs, farmed the land and their settlement became known as Watson's Hammock.

The flood of 1919 ruined their vegetable gardens and dampened their enthusiasm for farming. The settlers abandoned Watson's Hammock and the elements claimed what was left of it.

In the stillness of the dense hardwood forest, it is hard to believe that man ever tried his hand at taming this wilderness. And because it is a protected area, no one will likely attempt the task again. Nature has reclaimed it, and that's the way Stanley Becker likes it.

Information about Big Pine Key and environs can be obtained from Stanley Becker, Florida Keys Nature Excursions, Box 62, Big Pine Key, Florida 33043, USA. Telephone: (305) 872-2620.

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Concerts by musicians in 18th century costumes are frequent in the Governor's Palace at Colonial Williamsburg.

Williamsburg welcomes Canadians

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. —

Canadian visitors can enjoy a colorful variety of history-oriented special events throughout the American southeast this spring.

Near Virginia's Atlantic coast, the Maple leaf flag will fly alongside the 18th century Union Jack during Canada Time for two weeks in mid-March, at Colonial Williamsburg.

The Canada Time program includes performances by fifers and drummers in uniforms of colonial days, costumed militiamen, concerts by candlelight by 18th century costumed musicians and tours of colonial homes in this restored colonial capital.

Colonial Williamsburg is a living restoration of the town when it was the legislative centre of the British colony of Virginia. You will be able to stay at hotels within the old village in the style of inns of the colonial period, as well as in more modern hotels nearby.

Here you can visit craft shops of the period, see a film of what life was like before the United States gained its independence, and visit nearby sites where Revolutionary War battles were fought. Not far away at Jamestown, there are restorations of the first English settlements in the 17th century.

Early in April the North Carolina Azalea Festival will be held at Wilmington. Not only will these colorful flowers be on display but there will be parades, garden tours and visits to historic homes.

North Carolina has over 400 golf courses, a chance for Canadian visitors to enjoy the game after a long winter. Temperatures in spring are around 20 Celsius (69 Fahrenheit) even on the coast. On the Atlantic coast are the Outer Banks, 300 miles (483 km) of white sand beaches. Located here, is Cape Hatteras National Seashore Park, a refuge for many species of birds and a paradise for fishermen.

From Kitty Hawk, where the Wright Brothers made their first flight in 1903, to Cape Hatteras, there are seven fishing piers. You can catch flounder, speckled trout, channel bass and even go out by charter boat for the big sport fish such as blue marlin, dolphin, sailfish and wahoo.

In Savannah, Ga., there are a number of festivals this spring. There is the Tour of Homes and Gardens March 29 to 31, when a number of the restored old homes of this city laid out by British military architects, will be open to public visits.

From April 23 to 25 you can join in the celebrations of a Night In Old Savannah when foods from more than 25 countries will be available. During these April days there will be tours of old walled gardens.

On May 2 the descendants of early Scottish settlers will hold Highland Games and Gathering of the Clans, while on May 2 and 3 there will be a Seafood Fest along the historic waterfront. May 16 and 17 will see a Savannah Arts Festival with many crafts people and exhibits from weaving to painting.

Travel advisories sought by MP

OTTAWA —

The federal government should require that airlines and travel agencies give travel advisories to the public about destinations where there is potential danger, says Eglinton-Lawrence MP Roland de Corneille.

In a statement in the House of Commons, de Corneille expressed sympathy to the families of Jean Fogel and Lily Snider, two of his constituents who were among 96 persons who died in a San Juan, Puerto Rico, hotel fire.

The Liberal MP suggested to the ministers of external affairs and transport "that there be regulations requiring airlines and travel agencies to inform their customers of the regions of the world where terrorism or political or labor-management unrest exists."

The San Juan blaze, he said, "presumably began over a bitter dispute between the union and management" at the hotel.

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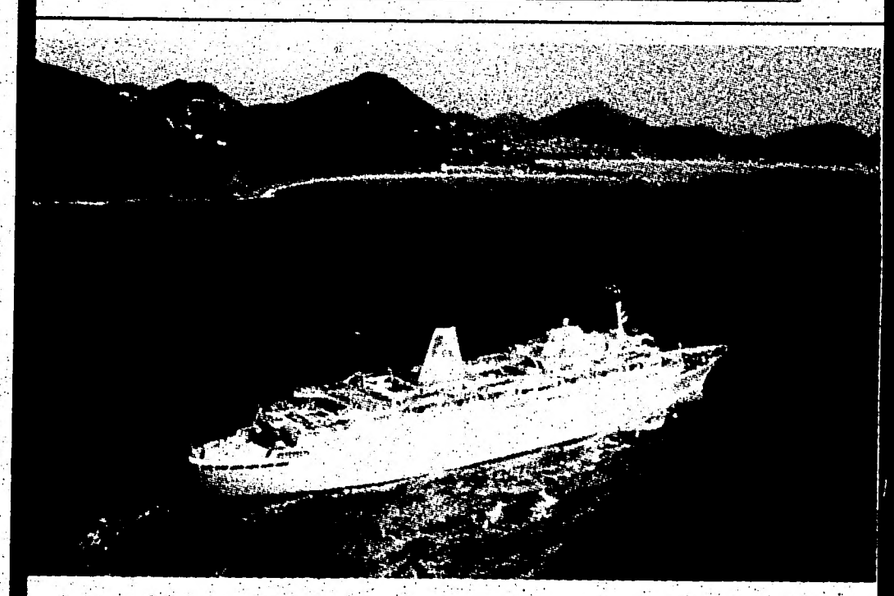

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Travel

Restaurants in Miami Beach

Kosher dining is affordable

By
ROSE KLEINER

MIAMI BEACH —
Kosher dining in Miami used to be confined mostly to the kosher hotels along the beach, and to a few restaurants. This often spelled high prices, as hotels had one flat rate, and even the restaurant menus, providing full dinners, were not priced low.

Then, a few years ago, came Sara's, and one could feast on dairy foods at very little cost. As of last year this is becoming true for meat meals as well. Now, visitors to the area can also enjoy strictly kosher meat meals, at affordable prices, in an informal setting — making Miami accessible to those who like to eat well without going broke.

The Kosher Korner Restaurant opened last year, and it is already a popular spot for families and persons of all ages. The place is informal, clean and spacious, with a decor that is modern and relaxing.

There is an extensive takeout menu, delivery and catering. The food is tasty and fresh, with different lunch and dinner specials every day. The clientele comes from such hotels as the Fontainebleau, up the street, and from as far as the Sonesta Beach on Key Biscayne, as well as from the condos.

Over the past year the restaurant has served visitors to Miami from many lands — from Singapore, Hong Kong, Ireland, Uruguay, Australia, Sweden and Greece — to name a few.

The menu includes traditional dishes, barbecue ribs, steaks, chili, Buffalo wings and Chinese food. Various fish dishes are also on the menu. There are children's portions at reduced rates. The service is courteous.

Located on Collins Ave. and 27th St. (538-9104), Kosher Korner is under ORC supervision and serves only glatt U meats. It is a welcome addition to the Miami Beach dining scene.

For a change from meat meals, or for the lover of dairy or vegetarian foods, Sara's is the place to visit. This dairy restaurant and pizza shop is a short drive from the Bal Harbor shopping area, at 2214 NE 123rd St. (891-3312).

Although the setting is informal, and the place often crowded, Sara's fresh and tasty food can win over anybody, even your demanding dear aunt Clara.

Sara's owner, Sammy, is always improving on his menu, and guests are often in for surprises. Portions are generous, and prices reasonable. The problem is that one cannot take in all this abundance during a short stay in Miami. To savor all of Sara's treats you need to spend a lengthy time in the south.

Some people get so addicted to one of Sara's dishes, that they never get to try anything new. One person has been ordering their Quiche Florentine for years, and has yet to get tired of it.

Sammy's culinary creativity seems to increase with the years,and this winter patrons will be treated to such new vegetarian delights as Eggel Bagel or Muffin Puffin (Eggs Benedict Sara's style), Raz Matazz, and Steak Pizzayola.

Many other new and exotic-sounding dishes are listed, but who cares when the regular pizza is always irresistible. Toppings, in addition to the basic ones, include spinach, broccoli, cauliflower and pepperino.

There is a good fresh fish selection, and superb knishes and blintzes. The babagnush is excellent, as is the crunchy munchy eggplant.

Sara's offers a complete dinner "early bird fiesta special" each evening between 4 and 8. The menu includes soup, a different main course each day, salad, rolls and beverage. The price — $4.95.

Even if you travel on a champagne budget, you can still enjoy having Sara's and Kosher Korner on your itinerary.

Hazan caves were hideout for Bar Kochba's rebels

JERUSALEM —
Amatzia, situated in the heart of one of the most beautiful areas in Israel, is surrounded by hills covered with olive, almond, pine, pomegranate and many other trees. The valleys contain vast stretches of multi-colored crops, as well as grapevines.

The area is also dotted with archeological remains of ancient buildings — with fine examples of magnificent synagogues and Byzantine churches, as well as the famous Hazan caves.

The Hazan caves, a hidden underground network dating back to the Second Temple period and the Bar Kochba revolt, have recently been opened to visitors.

The caves, situated near Moshav Amatzia on the Jerusalem-Ashkelon road, were uncovered by chance by a schoolboy playing truant in the area near the Hazan ruins. He found a small aperture through which he managed to slide, and was astonished to find himself in a vast network of man-made caves and connecting tunnels.

He reported his find and it was decided to clear away the debris of centuries and open the area to the public. The 35 underground caves are connected by a network of man-made tunnels, which are about 220 metres in length. The central cave houses an ancient oil press with adjacent storage space for 10,000 litres of oil.

The cave originally housed an oil press which was in use up to the 1st century of the Common Era, but at this stage in history the caves were not connected. It is believed that the oil from the cave was used in the Temple in Jerusalem.

At the time of the Bar Kochba revolt, tunnels were hewn to connect the caves surrounding the oil press. The network was then used as an underground retreat and hideout for Bar Kochba's troops and their families.

During the Byzantine period, the floors were paved and other improvements were carried out, so that the caves could be used once again for oil-making and storage. At this time, new buildings, including a bathhouse, were also added.

The area was abandoned in the 8th century, and the stones from the buildings were "re-cycled" to build other buildings in the surrounding area. Many tools and implements have been removed from the caves throughout the centuries, but some magnificent artifacts have remained.

Lighting, placed at strategic points, enables visitors to wend their way by walking — and crawling in some places — with relative ease. Touring the labyrinth of caves is not permitted without a guide, and visitors should make sure that a guide will be available at the time of their arrival.

Usually groups of 10 people at a time, are conducted through the Hazan caves network. Before the actual tour visitors view a 10-minute video tape, portraying the history of the site.

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Business Outlook

For those over 50

Retired persons group offers variety of savings

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
If you're over 50 years of age, then Lillian Morgenthau will try to accommodate your every need.

She'll do this through CARP — the Canadian Association of Retired Persons — an organization she activated and has managed for the past year which provides referrals and discounts for a multitude of services for those over 50.

"It's a natural age," said Morgenthau, a past president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. "It's a forgotten group and I felt they should have some representation."

Morgenthau jumped into the fray after her husband turned 60 and his insurance rates "skyrocketed." After doing some research, Morgenthau said she found he could get insurance at reduced rates from a different company.

"I felt that if we needed this service, others would also," said Morgenthau, who soon after became the driving force behind CARP, which came into existence in 1978, and patterned it after the American Association of Retired Persons. Morgenthau said CARP is a non-profit, non-political, non-religious organization open to any Canadian over 50, whether retired or not.

"My mother had a saying that you should give at least 10% of your time to charity so that you don't have to be on the receiving end," said Morgenthau, who has done volunteer work for over 37 years.

CARP now has over 8,000 members nationally with branches in Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Vancouver.

As well as a monthly newsletter, CARP provides discounts on a variety of services including car rentals, insurance, dental plans, vision care, real estate and mortgage consultants and tax assistance. It also provides a dental referral service, financial assistance planning and travel agents who will offer special packages and make complete arrangements for members' traveling needs.

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Those wishing to join should send a check with their name, their spouse's name and their birthdate to CARP, 27 Queen St. E. Suite 304, Toronto M5C 2M6.

Leumi exec forced to quit

TEL AVIV (JTA) —
Mordechai Einhorn, who was named executive managing director of the Bank Leumi six months ago, has resigned and acknowledged that he did so under pressure from the bank's employees.

They demanded he be ousted or resign in exchange for their cooperation with the bank's new board of directors. Einhorn told the board members at the start of a recent meeting that he understood their sentiments and preferred not to be the cause of continuing unrest at Israel's largest bank.

No successor has been named.

Bank Leumi has undergone a complete change of management since the recent disclosure of the excessive severance pay and pension awarded to its former chairman and chief executive officer, Ernst Japhet, when he resigned last spring.

Japhet was forced to leave because of his involvement in the 1983 bank shares manipulation scandal.

Fly and phone starting to have familiar ring

TORONTO —
There's no escaping them. Wherever you go and whatever you do nowadays, they're certain to be no more than a few feet away. And now they have taken to the air. What we are talking about is Alexander Graham Bell's old friend — the telephone.

Unlike days of old, when an airplane was a business person's last refuge from the daily routine, now deals can be made and last minute items handled while flying high to some holiday resort.

In Canada, Air Canada has equipped one Boeing 767 with a phone and plans to equip all it's 767s with airphones by the end of March.

Brock Stewart, public affairs manager for Toronto, says each plane will carry three phones — one in first class and two in executive class. Depending on passengers' demand, a fourth may be added later for those traveling in economy, he said. However they will not be installed beside passengers' seats as they are not practical due to the lack of room available.

The phones resemble pay phones and are activated by inserting a credit card to release the handset.

CP Air reports they have been looking at the concept for over a year, but have no plans or timeframe for installing airphones.

In the U.S. such phones are more commonplace with 15 major airlines providing air to ground service for passengers' convenience. For $7.50 for three minutes and $1.25 per minute afterwards, you can dial direct anywhere in the continental U.S.; double those rates for operated-assisted international calls.

Down south, these phones are soon expected to be installed beside seats, which will be built into either armrests or the undersides of meal trays. Unlike the cordless airphones, they will be hard-wired, so they can probably be used reliably to transmit computer data via modem. — J.R.

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Business Outlook

Survives runaway barge

New duty free shop catches on

By
PHILLIP FINE

FORT ERIE, Ont. — Alec Rossman can do without any more runaway barges at the Peace Bridge between Fort Erie, Ont. and Buffalo thank you very much.

The longtime resident of Port Colborne, Ont. and pillar of the city's Jewish community throws up his hands in mock horror when he recalls the bridge's closure last December during attempts to pull a wrecked barge free from one of the bridge's abutments.

Choked the flow

The closure of the bridge, said to be the single busiest link between Canada and the U.S., all but choked off the flow of customers to a spanking new duty-free store in Fort Erie in which Alec, a retailer of almost 50 year's experience in Port Colborne, is a shareholder.

To add insult to injury, many of those who gathered near the bridge to watch the barge's removal thought nothing of sauntering over to sample the store's free coffee. Some, Alec moans, even brought their thermoses!

Fortunately, neither the tippling nor the loss of legitimate customers proved to be long-lived since the bridge was closed for only a day-and-a-half.

And, although Alec won't say just how many customers the store hopes to attract, he will admit that for 1987, he's aiming for approximately 325,000 visits or 10% of the 3¼ million cars, trucks and buses that rumble across the bridge to Buffalo each year.

Given so many potential customers, it would be a doubtful entrepreneur indeed who wouldn't jump at the chance to open a duty-free store in Fort Erie. Not surprisingly, then, when Ottawa over a year ago called for proposals, many people did indeed jump — so many, says Alec, that the Feds probably received more applications for Fort Erie than for either Lansdowne (the Thousand Islands), Sarnia or the Windsor tunnel — the three other locations up for grabs.

Alec's application or, more precisely, the application submitted by him and his three partners (Alec prefers to call them shareholders) — Kenneth O'Hara of Ridgeway, Ont., John Marsh of Port Colborne and George Slipp of Woodstock, NB — got the nod from the department of national revenue late last August. Ground was broken almost immediately afterward and, a little over nine weeks later, the Fort Erie Duty Free Shoppe, Ltd., as it's officially known, welcomed its first customers.

If Alec can be accused of anything, it's not immodesty — at least when it comes to describing this, his latest business venture. The Fort Erie operation, he says in tones that might befit a corporate executive announcing a takeover at a board of directors meeting, "is the most attractive and the most efficient of all duty-free stores in the world."

And the store is eyecatching — both inside and out. Its clean, trim almost functionalist exterior stands in marked contrast to the structure which houses the duty-free shop in Buffalo. Inside, the Fort Erie store

Alec Rossman

sparkles with mirrors (both wall and ceiling) and glass display cases which lend a warm, tantalizing luxuriance to the perfumes, Waterford crystal, Hummel figurines and host of other goods for sale.

These "other goods" include, of course, liquor, cigarettes and cigars. But there are also Swiss chocolates, Gucci watches and bags, Eskimo art and Niagara-made pottery and glasswork. The decision to stock the latter is no accident; the store, says Alec, wants to promote the work of local craftsmen and women. In fact, 5% of the store's Canadian-made inventory is from the Niagara area.

The store, open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year is, as Alec says, also efficient. For one thing, it's cash-and-carry. Thus, unlike the neighboring U.S. outlet, customers need not make one stop to pick up their merchandise and another, a few minutes later, simply to pick up the goods. The Fort Erie store also boasts five cash registers so it's unlikely customers will spend much time in line-ups. (Just as the U.S. store can only sell to returning Canadians or to Americans heading for Canada, the Fort Erie store can only sell to returning Americans or to Canadians heading for the U.S.)

Speedy checkout

The speedy checkouts, the mirrored ceilings and walls tastefully muted by burgundy coffers, in fact, even the free coffee are all part of a calculated effort, says Rossman, to free the store from what he claims is the widespread perception that duty-free outlets are mainly purveyors of liquor and smokes.

That such a perception does little justice to the Fort Erie store is stressed, if not explicitly stated, in the store's promotional brochures, 100,000 of which have already been given away. The folders make mention of the store's "complimentary fresh fruit in season," "attractive browsing space" and even of the "sparkling washroom facilities" but show very nary a photo of a bottle of liquor or a carton of cigarettes although there is a picture of an attractive box of cigars.

It's a shrewd approach and one befitting a savvy retailer like Alec, a man who between frequent drags on a cigarette can talk proudly of his accomplishments: how, in 1938 and at age 21 he took over Rossman's, his family clothing store, and in that first Depression year, jumped sales from $23,000 to $100,000 and how, in every subsequent year, right through the Second World War, the 50s, the 60s, the 70s and the 80s, he managed to rack up sales that exceeded the previous year's total.

But Alec, whose keen gaze and rapid talk belie his 70 years, seems too much the mover and shaker to dwell on the past and is now devoting all his energy to the duty-free store.

"A very fascinating and interesting business," he says of the Fort Erie venture and one, he might add, of almost limitless gain since the store, quite simply, can stay open forever — provided Ottawa renews its licence every five years. As Alec himself notes with a smile, "it's a once-in-a-lifetime situation."

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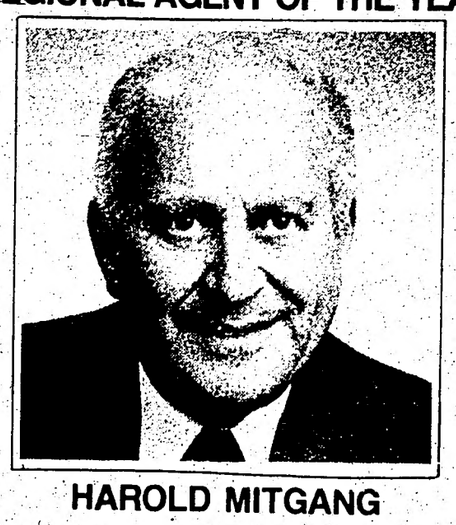

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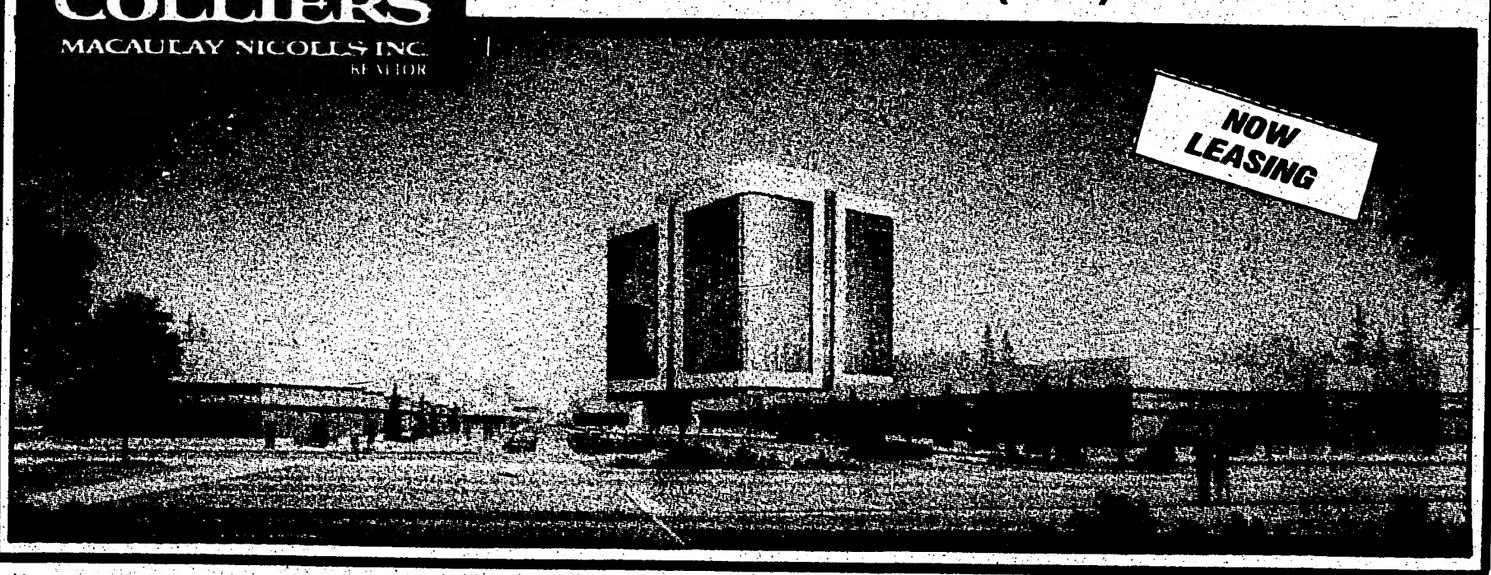

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Business Outlook

"Not just for rich and famous"

Designers can offer advice to all

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

If you'd like help redecorating your home but think you can't afford an interior designer, think again.

Contrary to what many people believe, hiring a designer does not have to be a luxury reserved for the rich and famous.

Monica Segal, owner of Duval Interiors, a Toronto interior design firm, explains that after an initial consultation fee, a client pays only the retail cost for their choice of furnishings.

A designer makes money on the markup between the wholesale price of furnishings she pays and the retail price the customer pays.

So if you're unsure of whether to buy a new couch or recover the old one, and how to coordinate it with your antique rug and the drapes you can't afford to replace, hiring a designer may be a wise choice.

"A designer knows where to find end of line wallpaper and end of line fabrics for drapes and reupholstered furniture. They also know what type of furniture would best suit a client's lifestyle," says Segal.

She is proud of a 2-bedroom bungalow she recently decorated spending only $3,000 on carpeting, drapes, wallpaper and new fabric for the furniture. "It is quite a challenge to stick to a strict budget and at the same time decorate a home tastefully."

Another challenge facing designers is putting aside their own preset ideas on how a home should look and really listening to their client. "A good designer is there for gentle guidance, not to stamp their feet and say a client must have this or that."

Segal strives to design her clients' homes "so they look like their homes, not like a Segal-decorated home. I don't always want to leave my trademark."

A trademark Segal is pleased to leave behind, however, are her upholstered walls.

Taking a piece of fabric of her client's choice, she has it quilted and applies it to the wall with a foam backing. Quilted silk walls are very popular for a bedroom.

"People who choose a dynamic pattern for their livingroom need no other art work in the room. They've turned their wall into art rather than decorating it with art," Segal says.

According to Segal, a designer must do extensive research into a client's lifestyle before making any suggestions. "Empty-nesters may love a white couch but they forget for a moment that their grandchildren will visit and might jump all over it."

It is also essential for a designer to keep abreast of current trends. "A client would not be pleased if I were to decorate their home in chrome and glass only to have them discover that what is important now is traditional furniture."

On the other hand, if someone is tired of their modern decor but can't afford to start over, a designer must know how to put traditional touches in the room to make it more interesting.

"An area rug and a few antique pieces may be all a room needs to spruce it up."

In addition to decorating homes, designers are often responsible for redesigning space in a home.

"With this in mind, we must keep up with changing building codes and know what a client can or cannot do with their home. We must constantly keep our eyes open."

For more information Segal can be reached at 638-8911.

Ontario helps fund housing for disabled

TORONTO —

The Ontario government has allocated almost $6 million for a series of initiatives, aimed at increasing housing options for disabled individuals.

The 3-year housing plan is a joint venture of the office responsible for disabled persons and the ministries of housing and community and social services.

"The availability of suitable, affordable accommodation is a key factor for many disabled people as they seek to lead independent lives as productive citizens," Tony Ruprecht, minister responsible for disabled persons, told the Ontario legislature recently.

The new measures included a $1.7 million grant by Ruprecht's office to the Easter Seal Society to assist parents of disabled children with needed home modifications and a $4.29 million allocation to the ministry of community and social services to enrich the attendant care program to enable more disabled individuals to remain in the community.

Loan assistance will be increased for physically disabled homeowners and those with physically disabled dependents to allow for design modification to their homes, under the ministry of housing's Ontario Home Renewal Plan. As well, landlords will be able to seek additional funding under the Low Rise Rehabilitation Program to modify existing rental units for the disabled and interest-free loans to housing suppliers will be increased to allow them to create fully modified units under the Convert-to-Rent program.

The plan also calls for the development of strategies to meet future needs including establishing 10 housing registries which will be run by organizations of disabled people as a 2-year project throughout Ontario. The registries will put the disabled in contact with suppliers of housing to help them find accessible accommodation.

Information will be targeted at housing suppliers and the disabled community to promote awareness of the possibilities for independent living for disabled individuals and a major research study will examine the current and future housing needs of the disabled.

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Totally renovated! 5 bdrms with sensational 6 pc. master en suite. Main floor greenhouse, family room, library, ultra moern kitchen. C.A.C., Central vac & security. Celine Joel 488-2875.

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$995,000. Luxury. Georgian home on choice st.! 4/5 bdrms. + sep. help's qtrs., large family rm. on main, w/o lower level, dble. garage. Top quality builder. David Wagman 488-2875.

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First ad! Sprawling ranch bungalow on 100' lot! Spacious foyer, sunken living room, deluxe kitchen — fully equipped! Large panelled library with fireplace. 4 family bdrms. Lower level rec room, billiard room + sep. help's quarters. Sauna. Double garage. Inground pool. Perfect walls for your art collection! $795,000 Eleanor Wagman 488-2875.

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Excellent location! Choice property! Garden faces south. Rare opportunity. Eleanor Wagman 488-2875.

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Downtown location! Terrific return. Buy now for your future nest egg. Judy Hendler 488-2875.

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$559,000. Delightful 4 bdrm Tudor gem! Spacicus living and dining rooms. Main floor help's qtrs. — could be converted into a family room. Den and powder room on main. Eleanor Wagman 488-2875.

***BATHURST/FINCH $349,000**
Grand 2 storey home on quiet crescent. Large eat-in kitchen. Den and family room on main. 4 bdrms on 2nd. Fantastic lower level + sep. in-law apt. Double garage. David Wagman 488-2875.

***FOREST HILL $399,000 NR. U.C.C.**
And Kilbarwry 4 bdrm. 1-4pc, 1-3pc Sunny S.W. garden. Hdwd floors. Frplc. Patio. New kitchen and baths. Jacuzzi. Pv. drive. Garage. Main floor den. Gas heat. Marg Hutchison 488-2875.

***RENTAL 3 BDRM RENO NEAR U.C.C.**
Secluded gdn, fireplace. Pv. drive. M. Hutchison 488-2875.

***LUXURY BSMT APT NR. YORKVILLE**
$1,200. Huge 1 bdrm apt in mansion. M. Hutchisonn 488-2875.

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$249,900, detached 4 bdrm, 2,400 sq. ft., 4 bedrms, 3 baths, family rm + fireplace, main fl. laundry, ++ Act Fast, won't last MARLON GREEN 224-2800.

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Just listed! Det. 4 bdrm, 3 baths, main fl. family rm + fireplace, dble garage, huge 60' rear yard. MARLON GREEN 224-2800.

BATHURST-SHEPPARD, $279,900
Executive, large sidesplit, quiet cresc., 3 bdrms + one, main fl. family room, rec. room, pool size lot, dble garage. OLGA VERRALL 224-2800.

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Over $43,000 net, net income per annum, 12 year carefree lease, cost of living increase, 3 banquet halls. Price $469,000. Act now! ORLAND VERRALL 224-2800.

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Lovely 4 bdrm detached home, 4pc ensuite, main fl. family & laundry, circular stairs. Many extras. PEARLY DENNIS 224-2800.

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Executive 4 bdrm, 2 storey on premium lot, wonderful master + sitting room, skylight, ceramics, central everything! BEV BURSTEIN 223-5100.

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BATHURST & STEELES
3 & 4 bdrms, 2 storey, main fl. laundry & family room, many extras. DAVID LAREN 224-2800.

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Detached 3 bdrm, huge living & dining, Hollywood kitchen, main fl. family rm, air, alarm system. Beautiful condition! PAUL PISTER 224-2800.

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***BATHURST-STEELES — QUALITY**
Spacious, inviting 4 bdrm. Mn. flr. den & fam., hwd & ceramics. Dble. gar. Extras! Must be seen! Andy Reti, 731-7111.

***TOP NOTCHER! BATHURST-STEELES**
Lg. principal rms. Hollywood kitchen, 4 bdrms. Premium lot, near everything! Up to date looks. Ted Waxman 731-7111.

***BATHURST-STEELES — IMMACULATE!**
Approx. 2,200 sq. ft., 3 + 1 bdrm., c-a, 2 firepl., ceramics, super master, lg. lot, near all amenities. Becky Wener, 731-7111.

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Value aplenty! 3 bdrm., mn. flr. fam., dble. gar., super location, priced to sell! Andy Reti, 731-7111.

***BATHURST-CLARK — NEW HOME**
Stake your claim! 3 bdrms. + den, master ensuite, fast closing. Near all amenities. Evelyn Pollock, 731-7111.

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Elegance on a budget! Walk to school, park, shopping. 3 bdrms. Mn. fl. family with fp., huge sun deck. Evelyn Pollock 731-7111.

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Spacious executive home. Oversized country style kitch., overlooks dramatic fam. rm., superb lot. $389,900. Marilyn Ray, 731-7111.

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Un-lease yourself! Super 6 rm. bung., singles attached gar., w/o to lg. lot. Won't last! $167,500. Ted Waxman 731-7111.

RIDGEGATE — ENTERTAINER
Young lovers! Fabulous Carriage home. 2 firepl., cathedral ceiling, raised din. rm., dble. gar. Evelyn Pollock, 731-7111.

***TOWNHOME — LIVING EASY**
Spiffy kitchen. Fin. bsmt. with fp & w/o to yard. 3 bdrms, new modern en suite. Extras. Paula Bernstein 731-7111.

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***BATHURST & STEELES SEMI DETACHED**
2 storey, newly finished bsmt. Loads of extras. Close to all. Mica Laken 226-9770.

***ANTIBES LUXURY CONDO SUITE**
Florida Room overlooking park. Eat-in kitchen. Appliances. Joe Salomon 226-9770.

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Spotless professionally finished family room. Ultra bright kitchen. Joe Salomon 226-9770.

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Super 2 storey, main floor family room, fireplace, w/o kitchen. Luxury upgrades. Joe Salomon 226-9770.

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3 bdrm, finished bsmt. Many extras. Close to all amenities. $199,900 Ray Green 226-9770.

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FIRST AD — UPPER FOREST HILL $419K
4 Bedroom Tudor
Updated home near Old Forest Hill Rd. Rare main floor den & 2 pc. powder room, formal living room & dining room with dark stain floor & firepl, white custom kitchen with breakfast area + walkout to deck. Spacious bedrooms, 3 pc. ensuite, 4 pc. recroom & 2 pc. in basement. Bruce Smith.

FIRST AD — REGAL HEIGHTS $329K
Tasteful Restoration
Spacious 2 sty, 4 bdrm, near Regal Rd. Grand princ. rms W/natural oak trim &, fls, modern kit. w/lge breakfast area, superb lower level fam. rm. W/wet bar + income potential. 2 custom 4 pc baths. Updated mechs., dble. gar. Bruce Smith.

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HARBORD-BRUNSWICK — INVESTMENT
$489,000. 1st ad! Corner property, 2 stores, 3 apartments, vacant possession. Brenda Green 736-1100.

BATHURST-CENTER "NEW EXCLUSIVE"
$339,900. Enormous lot, 3,100 sq. ft, main floor den & family rm, must be seen! Al Sidofsky 736-1100.

BATHURST-STEELES $296,900
1st ad! Delightfully upgraded 4 bdrm, completely finished bsmt, extras galore! Fran Sharvit 736-1100.

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New Exclusive! 3,000 sq. ft. 4 bdrm, main floor den & family rm, large lot! Maxine Povering 736-1100.

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Both $244,900. 4 bdrms, 3 baths, circular staircases, double garages, almost new! Irene Bushev 736-1100.

BATHURST-CENTER "NEW HOME"
$239,900. March Possession. Large family rm, double garage, faces park, extras! Maxine Povering 736-1100.

CABBAGETOWN RENOVATION $234,900 SOLD
3 Bdrm, 2 storey brick facade, bay window, 2 skylights, pine floors. S. Nadajewski 736-1100.

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$214,900. Madison Place! Largest model, 1,350 sq. ft, west exposure, 2 bdrms, 2 parking. Irene Bushev 736-1100.

NEW HOUSE AT BATHURST-STEELES!
$209,990. "Presidential" built, 4 bdrms, 3 baths, family rm, double garage. Maxine Povering 736-1100.

BATHURST SOUTH OF STEELES
$205,000. 2,200 sq. ft, detached, main floor family rm, fireplace, 3 bdrms, Maxine Povering 736-1100.

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***$519,000 YORK MILLS GARDENS**
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$349,000 Exquisite custom home on ravine. Fabulous cathedral ceiling - family room, 3 walkouts, huge deck, quality finishes throughout in this unique contemporary design. Brbara Kruger/Brenda Abramson 441-2888.

***LAURELAEAF-STEELES $415,000**
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An original etching, hand colored by the artist Dubie Arie "Under The Wings Of God And The Shadow Of Amalek." $15,000. 736-9117 or 633-9307.

CONDOMINIUMS FOR RENT

Willowdale Condo For Rent — 3 bedroms, 2 full washrooms, 665-3791 Evenings.

CONDOMINIUMS FOR RENT

HSII - 2 bd. $1,350
Bay-Bloor - 1 bd. + $1,050
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Bath-Steeles - 2 bd. $1,450
Yonge-Shepp - 2 bd. $1,400
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Noel Seth, 630-1999

SETH REALTY LTD.

CONDOMINIUMS FOR SALE

Cancellation Availability Palm Springs exclusive Canyon area - 1 bedroom, poolside condo, tennis courts, spas, ground floor. Available March 5/87 213-461-7379.

Promenade - Several units avail. For info, Ted Waxman, Ungerman Rlty., Rltr., 731-7111.

7601 Bathurst & Centre - 2 bd., 2 bths., appls. Evelyn Pollock, Ungerman Rlty. Rltr. 731-7111.

Promenade - new 2 bd., 1,060 sq. ft., $144,500. Vera Vadis, Ungerman Rlty. Rltr, 731-7111.

25 MAITLAND
"The Cosmopolitan". 1+ bd., $169,000. Sarit Silverberg, Landmark Rlty Inc. 299-1818.

BATHURST/STEELES
COURTLAND. Adult bld., 1 bdrm., fam. rm., den, Florida rm., blc., 5 appls., C-A, move-in cond. George Baron Rltr., 221-6901 or 665-3044.

FOREST HILLS
- **Hemispheres I - 3 bd.**
- **115 Antibes - 2 bd.**
- **Hemispheres II - 2 bd.**
- **7601 Bathurst - 2 bd.**
- **7420 Bathurst - 2 bd.**

YONGE-FINCH-SHEPP
- **131 Beecroft - 2 bd. P.H.**
- **Pavilion - 2 bd. S. View**
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- **Madison - 2 bd. W. View**

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Wanted babysitter for 9 month old baby starting Feb. 23. Bathurst/Sheppard apartments. Call after 6:00 p.m. 638-9316.

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Eglinton/Bathurst - Part-time babysitter for 7 month old & 2½ yr. old. References. 787-7535.

Babysitter 1 afternoon per week for 3½ Yr. old girl. References. Bathurst/Steeles. Call after 4:00 p.m. 886-0594.

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HOUSES FOR SALE

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BATHURST-INVERMAY
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SEIDMAN
REAL ESTATE LIMITED REALTOR
633-7373

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BLUE FOREST AREA
4 bdrm., custom built, ravine lot, huge liv/din., den, library, up-to-date kitch., built-in appls., fin. lower level, must be seen.

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BATHURST NORTH
Huge bung., 3 bdrm., 3 bths., good-sized liv & din, lg. kitch., fam. rm., fin. bsmnt., dble. gar., extras.

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BATHURST-FINCH
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OBITUARY

Noik, Sheila (nee Levius) of Toronto passed away Wednesday, February 11, 1987 at the Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto. Beloved wife of the late Herbert Noik, dear mother of David (husband of Harriet), Bernard (husband of Marsha) both of Toronto. Also survived by 1 grandchild: Lisa. Funeral took place on Thursday, February 12, at the Jewish Memorial Chapel, 375 King Edward Ave., Ottawa, at 2 p.m. Interment, Jewish Community Cemetery, Bank St., Ottawa. Shiva, 2500 Bathurst St., Apt. 504 in Toronto. Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

OBITUARIES

Borenstein, Nesia on February 5, 1987, late of 64 De Quincy Blvd.

Brudno, Lidia on February 9, 1987, late of 3174 Bathurst St., #609.

Gorelic, Rina on February 5, 1987, late of Ottawa, Ontario.

Schneider, Myer on February 3, 1987, late of 97 Quail Valley Cres.

Sherman, Albert on February 3, 1987, late of 65 Skymark Dr., #205.

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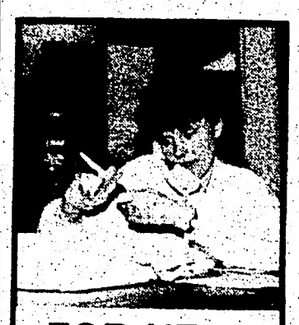

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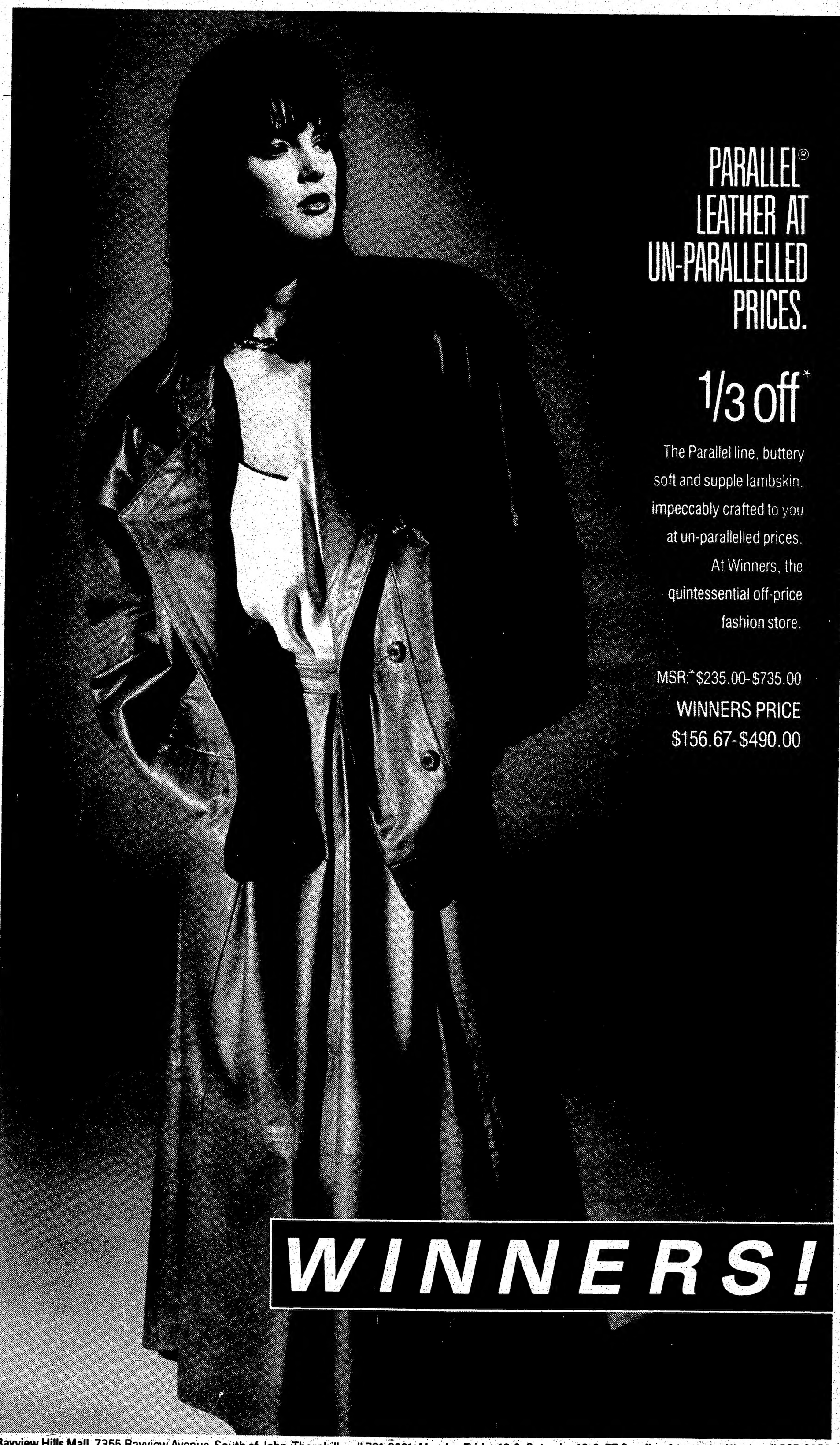

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